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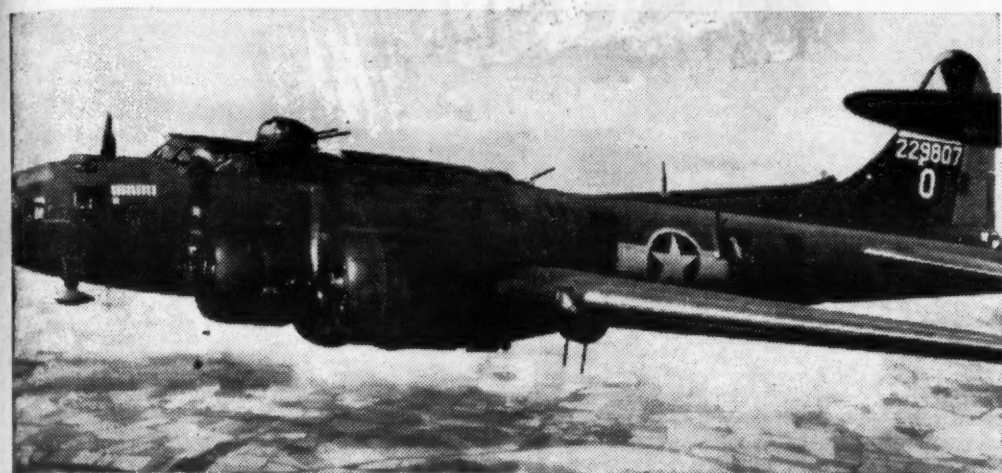
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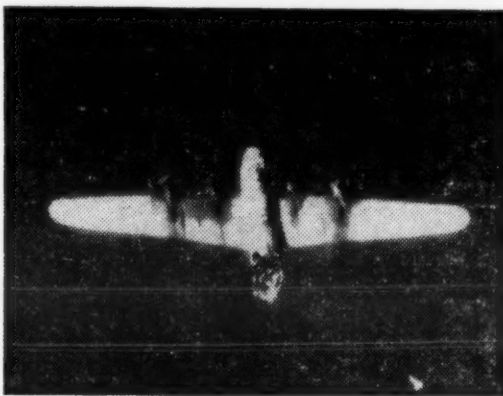
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THIS IS LAST FLIGHT of the Fortress "Lady Liberty" of the 8th Air Force. Made just a few seconds before the plane was hit by Nazi flak, this picture shows "Lady Liberty" flying in formation over occupied Europe.



THE CAMERA almost missed on this picture of the Fort just hit by flak. Pieces of the tail assembly may be seen scattered behind what's left of the plane.



WITH ITS TAIL assembly completely destroyed, "Lady Liberty" goes down over Flushing, Holland. It is her last flight.

—AAF Photos

Army Slashes ASTP; Shortage of Men Cited

WASHINGTON—To partially make up personnel shortage of 200,000 men, who should have been in uniform before the end of 1943, the Army this week made the "drastic decision" to return to active duty three-fourths of the ASTP members now receiving advanced technical training in colleges.

Inability of Selective Service to deliver personnel on schedule, increased combat operations and mounting casualties demanding immediate replacements in the field "have created a situation which has necessitated drastic economies in the employment of personnel throughout the United States," the War Department said.

Cut to 35,000

ASTP will be reduced from 145,000 to 35,000. It was said that this is necessary because of the "imperative" need at this time for these men who have already had basic training and a certain amount of specialized training for which their services are "urgently needed."

After exhausting all other sources, it was determined that the type of trained military personnel needed could be obtained only by decreasing the number of combat units or by drawing from the reservoir of men in ASTP training. It was decided that military necessity required that existing combat units be maintained.

The 35,000 remaining in the program will be primarily those trainees taking advanced courses in medicine and dentistry, or engineering and include 5,000 pre-induction students. The students withdrawn will be those already basically trained and on active duty. Seventeen-year-olds in the Army Specialized Training Program Reserve will not be affected, nor will this reserve phase of the program be curtailed.

The student soldiers now in the Army Specialized Training Program were selected for their high intelligence, adaptability, and potential leadership. They are the type who can be expected to assume the responsibilities of non-commissioned officers and of skilled technicians. Experience to date in this war has demonstrated to the Army that the combat arms, particularly the infantry, need a substantial proportion of men with these qualities to insure con-

tinued success in operations. All experience also has shown conclusively that losses are considerably lower in units which have intelligent and aggressive leadership among non-commissioned officers.

Most to AGF

Reassignment from ASTP to other duty before April 1 will be made, so far as military necessity permits, as the completion of a particular training course or a term in that course.

The War Department believes, on the basis of experience, the infusion of thousands of highly intelligent students soldiers into the ground forces, which will see more action as the tempo of our offensive increases, will help to increase our striking power. Consequently, around 80,000 of the men to be transferred from ASTP will be assigned to the Army Ground Forces where the skills and capacity for leadership are now most needed. Most of the remainder will be assigned to other units destined for overseas service. The policy will be to make certain that the skills and qualities of leadership which these thousands of student soldiers possess are used on assignments where they can function most effectively.

Mail Service Resumed to Sicily, and Parts of Italy

WASHINGTON—The announcement of the resumption of limited mail service between the United States and Sicily, Sardinia, and ten Italian provinces occupied by Allied forces was announced by the President this week.

Mail service between Great Britain and the same parts of Italy has also been resumed.

The service, according to an order signed by the Postmaster General, is limited to post cards and personal letters. The maximum weight is two ounces from the United States and 40 grams from Italy. The postage rates are the same as previous to the suspension of the service.

Registration, and insurance, mail money orders, air mail and parcel post are excluded from the service. All mail will be censored.

Army Releases Details of New Bronze Star

WASHINGTON—Details of the Bronze Star Medal, a new award for heroic or meritorious service against the enemy not involving aerial flight, were announced this week by the War Department.

The bronze star is expected to give ground troops approximately the same chance to win an award as have airmen with their easily-obtained air medal.

Authorized Feb. 4

The bronze star medal was authorized February 4, 1944, by President Roosevelt. It was established for award to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, on or after December 7, 1941, distinguished, or has distinguished, himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military or naval operations against an enemy of the United States.

For eligible Army personnel, the bronze star provides a means for recognizing performance of duty beyond the ordinary, but which is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of a Silver Star or Legion of Merit.

(The Legion of Merit is awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. The Silver Star is for gallantry in action not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of the Distinguished Service Cross or the Medal of Honor.)

Infantry Rate Best

The bronze star may be awarded for acts of gallantry or meritorious service either in actual combat or in direct support of combat operations. It is expected that members of the Army Ground Forces, particularly Infantrymen, may lead the eligibility lists.

In order of precedence, the Bronze Star Medal will rank between the Soldier's Medal and the Purple Heart. The Soldier's Medal is awarded to members of the military, naval, or

Copies of The Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Plunge Nearer Goal

Yanks Strike 1300 Miles From Tokyo

WASHINGTON—Striking at scattered points in their drive toward Tokyo, American Central Pacific forces plunged hundreds of miles closer to their goal, raining death and destruction on strong enemy bases.

In a startling demonstration of sustained strength the forces have driven home blow after blow from sea and air in striking targets only a little more than 1,300 miles from Tokyo.

American forces, confronted by reinforced Nazi troops, have thrown off innumerable strong offensives in holding the Anzio beachhead. Only sheer fatigue has halted the constant offensives and counter-offensives, which have marked some of the bitterest fighting of the war.

Defense of Rome

Nazi military leaders have decided to defend Rome at all costs and many divisions have been thrown into battle in an attempt to push the dogged Allied forces back into the sea. The Allied forces have held well and have exacted heavy casualties on the enemy.

The capture of Eniwetok atoll, another outpost of the Marshalls, a destructive attack on Truk, the Jap "Pearl Harbor," followed by other attacks on Saipan and Tinian, of the Carolines group, have the Japs staggering. In most of these, due to the lack of air and naval strength, there was little attempt at defense. At Truk, the enemy air force was so badly whipped on the first attack that there was virtually no answer from the air on the second day.

Two facts stand out significantly in the Jap situation. Their boasted fleet has been nowhere in evidence in these operations, so that the outposts have been left to look after themselves. The surprise of

high authorities is that it has been called back to protect the home islands.

Another noteworthy item is that the heads of both army and navy have been yanked. Premier Tojo has been made the new chief of army staff, and Admiral Shigetaro Shimada placed at the head of the navy.

In Italy the Germans have made repeated attacks on the Allied beachhead defenses, attempting to drive wedges through the line at various points. In every case they have been driven back, with enormous casualties. American artillery has been notably effective in stopping these assaults and in making them costly. Dispatches note one case in which one United States bat-

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Casualties Total 118,128; Higher Cost Predicted

WASHINGTON—Warning that as operations are expanded in the various theaters of action the cost in lives will mount, Undersecretary of War Patterson this week announced at his press conference that total Army casualties from Pearl Harbor to Feb. 7 are as follows:

19,499 killed
45,545 wounded
26,339 missing
26,745 prisoners

118,128 total.

Of the 45,545 wounded, 24,289—or more than half—have been returned to duty, Mr. Patterson said.

Of the numbers listed as prisoners, 1664 have been reported officially to have died in enemy prison camps—mostly in Japanese areas. "The actual number in sad reality must be much larger," the undersecretary added.

Baruch Demobilization Plan Gets Rapid Action

WASHINGTON—Rapid-fire action has been taken on the demobilization plan report submitted to James F. Byrnes by Bernard M. Baruch and John M. Hancock.

President Roosevelt set up a new Government agency to dispose of surplus war property, and named Assistant Secretary of Commerce W. L. Clayton its administrator.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, director of Veterans Administration, was appointed re-training and re-employment director.

Demobilization Bill

The determination of Congress not to be by-passed in the formulation or application of war demobilization policies was evinced in an over-all demobilization bill introduced by Senators George of Georgia, Murray of Montana, and Hill of Alabama.

Senator George said that the ultimate objectives of the bill did not conflict with the recommendations of Baruch.

General Hines said his initial act would be to take "an inventory" of what was being done by existing agencies to further re-employment of

veterans as well as civilians dismissed from war jobs.

Advisory Committee

General Hines will appoint an advisory committee to ascertain present conditions. Members of the committee will represent the War and Navy Departments, the War Manpower Commission, the Federal Security Administration, the Veterans Administration, the Labor Department, the Social Security Board, the War Production Board and the Civil Service Commission.

"To me, re-employment during and following demobilization is the key to how well we succeed in going from war to a splendid peace economy," General Hines stated.

Mr. Baruch stated in his report that "Victory is our first and only duty, but just as we prepare for war in time of peace, so we should prepare for peace in time of war."

The voluminous report set policy standards touching virtually every aspect of post-war adjustment. The nation's economic future was pictured in bright colors and the American free enterprise philosophy stated in strong terms. Mr. Baruch emphasized the human as well as dollar side of adjustment problems.

Scattered Authority

Criticizing the government policy of scattered authority on problems of personnel and employment, the report recommended the establishment of a work director to coordinate all policies relating to the welfare and employment of those returning from war; and demobilization of war workers as related problems.

The report emphasized the primary importance of victory, of liquidating war controls when their usefulness has ended, getting the government out of business, tightening up war industry and government administration of the war program, extension of the war-time authority to control prices which will soon expire; to control the flow of materials through priorities.

It recommended the maintenance

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PARTICIPATING in the presentation ceremony of a plaque dedicated to the American dead in Sicily are, left to right, Capt. L. Doughty, Jr., USN; Brig. Gen. Paul L. Williams, USAAF; Brig. Gen. Hobart R. Gay, Chief of Staff of the U. S. 7th Army; and Chaplain Ernest A. de Bordenave, USN. The presentation was made at the Church of the Holy Cross in Palermo, Sicily, during a regular Sunday service by Gen. Gay, acting for Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who gave the plaque and wrote the message appearing on it: "To the Glory of God. In memory of the heroic Americans of the Seventh Army and the supporting units of the Navy and Air Force who gave their lives for victory in the Sicilian campaign. July 10-August 17, 1943. From their General." Members of the U. S. Army and Navy of all ranks attended the service.

Compromise Seems Only Hope for Federal Ballot

WASHINGTON—There is still a possibility that Congress will pass a Federal-ballot bill to assure servicemen an opportunity to vote this fall, but it will be at best a compromise—much less far-reaching than the proposals made in the early enthusiasm of debate.

House and Senate conferees this week were still hopelessly deadlocked, with the House holding out for a State-administered plan and the Senate equally determined to obtain a Federal ballot. Compromise after compromise was refused by each side until it looked as if a stalemate had been reached and the only thing to do would be to return the bill to the two Houses for further consideration.

But the House conferees announced that they would offer one more compromise. It was expected to include provisions for a Federal ballot to be used by citizens of States which have no absentee ballot

laws, if they pass laws approving its use.

Although Federal-ballot supporters have said that they may fall back upon the 1942 law, as preferable to the stolid House States' rights stand, they were willing to make a major concession this week—only to have it rebuffed.

Chairman Eugene Worley of the House Elections Committee, a supporter of the Federal ballot, offered to repeal present Federal law waiving local registration and poll tax payments. Servicemen who did not receive State ballots in time to vote would be permitted to cast a Federal ballot, under the Worley offer. Each State would then decide whether or not to honor them.

Representative Rankin, Mississippi Democrat, summed up the States' rights group's attitude when he snorted: "It's still a Federal ballot, and all the perfume of Arabia won't make the Federal ballot smell any sweeter."

Meanwhile, some States were delaying action on liberalizing their own voting laws until Congress makes up its mind. However, Governor O'Connor announced that he would call a special session of the Maryland General Assembly probably about March 6 to provide for the soldier vote.

Governor Sparks of Alabama said he has decided not to call his legislature into special session—for the present, at least. He said the legislature "can help (only) those who have registered and paid their poll taxes according to our State constitution."

Following a court decision, Ohio's secretary of state ordered that the names of men in the armed forces be restored to the voting lists even though they have not voted for two years. Common Pleas Court Judge John King held that no person could be deprived of his right to vote because it had been impossible to exercise that right while he was in the armed service of his country.

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of a shelf of public works projects to be used only in case of a depression emergency, urged the reduction of the public debt as soon as possible, the lowering of taxes to free business enterprise, and proposed that a tax bill be made ready now for use after the war.

Mr. Baruch's and John M. Hancock's letter to Mr. Byrnes, which follows, roughly summarized the report.

Letter to Byrnes
The Hon. James F. Byrnes, Esq.,
Director, Office of War Mobilization,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. Byrnes:

Pursuant to the instructions you gave to us to inquire into war and postwar adjustment policies, we submit herewith our report. It is divided into three parts: (1) This letter, which is a rough synopsis of our major suggestions; (2) the report itself; and (3) additions giving a more extensive treatment of three subjects—contract termination, surplus property and tightening the industrial war machine.

Victory is our first and only duty, but just as we prepare for war in time of peace, so we should prepare for peace in time of war. Through preparation we visualize a prosperity, sound and lasting. We see, not merely civilian needs crying to be filled, but a world requiring the things we can supply—an unlimited market for our products.

Our specific assignment was to study the immediate demobilization policies which have to do, necessarily, with the stimulation of the war effort, since victory is the first essential, and with the preparation for peace to follow victory—to win the war and to prepare for peace.

In the development of this theme we find certain considerations to be of first importance. They include:

- Ten Points**
1. Getting us all back to work in peacetime enterprises. This may require a special authority under the director of War Mobilization to give its entire attention to the problem of bringing jobs to all workers, with emphasis laid upon the returning service men and service women who are our first concern.
 2. Taking the government out of business by:
(a) Payments for work done and work under way. In connection with this phase of the problem, we have assembled a complete "financial kit" that should prove effective. The government must pay its debts, and pay them quickly and fully, so that business will have its working capital freed for payrolls and purchase of materials.
(b) These payments can be made with ample protection to the government against fraud.
(c) Move out and store war materials from plants so as to make room for equipment and materials for civilian production.
(d) Centralize the control and disposal of surpluses of all types in such a way as to bring them into ready and effective use and insure orderly markets. This, too, may require a special administrator in the Office of War Mobilization.
 3. Tighten Industrial Front
A general tightening up of the industrial war front so as to finish the bloody business with finality, and thus be ready for peace.
 4. Spreading acceptance by war contractors of the "uniform contract article," as recommended by us and approved by you.
 5. Place all war agencies under running review to cut them down

- as their work dwindles; also review of all war industrial controls.
6. Immediate extension of laws governing price control, priorities and requisitioning, all three expiring this year.
 7. Early engineering on public works to be ready if needed to fill in the valley of unemployment.
 8. Provide credit means for those requiring it during the adjustment period, particularly for the smaller business groups and returning service men.
 9. Prepare now for future action reducing taxes from war to peacetime levels, thereby providing necessary incentive for initiative and enterprise and stimulating employment.
 10. Prepare an emergency "X" day reconversion plan to be used in the event of a sudden collapse of Germany so as to enable us to go on with our crusade against Japan and at the same time to prevent the dislocation resulting from lack of preparation. This phase of the broader plan is to be worked out by the armed services with the War Production Board.

Not Easy
Transition from a war economy to that of peace is not easy; nothing worthwhile is. In our reconversion we shall try, as this country always does, to cure the things that caused us worry and to strengthen the ready to test the new. That is progress.

The frame of our operations shows the gigantic nature of the change-over. It affects every part of our economic life. Nothing comparable ever has been known before.

As one indication of the size of the job, about 50 billion dollars of the current annual production represents strictly war goods—that is, things which, when peace comes, we will stop making. This gap must be filled in large part by civilian production and services, if we are to keep the needed volume of employment. The demobilization of the armed forces will come gradually. Their absorption by industry will be aided materially by several factors, the weight of which is not now clear, such as: the giving up of war jobs by many women; the retirement of older workers; the increase of travel and recreation time; the return of many younger workers to school; the resumption of college and professional training by many now in the services or in war industry; the renewal of many professional and service business that have stopped during the war; the starting new enterprises; the business involved in meeting the needs of the world; reduction in the work week; the normal enforcement of child labor laws.

Private Initiative
The net increase in employment in industry from 1937 to 1944 is estimated at 7,600,000 people. Consider-

ing factors mentioned above, the problem of demobilization, though difficult, is solvable—if we create the atmosphere in which private initiative and resourcefulness—the traditional American spirit—can again take hold.

It is an easier task to convert from peace to war than from war to peace. With the coming of a war a sort of totalitarianism is asserted. The government tells each business what it is to contribute to the war program—just what it is to make and where it is to get the stuff out of which to make it. The planning and execution rest upon one all-over purpose and a single control. Patriotism exercises a strong compulsion.

With peace, the opposite becomes true. Each has the right to make what he pleases. Governmental direction and aid disappear. The markets become free and each individual is dependent upon his vision, his courage, his resourcefulness and his energy.

Democracy at Its Best
Everyone has the privilege of building up, but no one has the right to pull down. That is democracy at its best.

In the reconversion and readjustment will come improvements in our standards of life—better houses, better clothes, better food, better safeguards for children, better health protection, and wide educational opportunities. These bring hope for future instead of fear; they give security instead of unrest.

There is no need for a postwar depression. Handled with competence, our adjustment, after the war is won, should be an adventure in prosperity. Our soldiers will not be let down. They are our chief concern. No pressure groups of self-seekers will take our thought from the duty we owe them.

Finally, while the producers should be restrained from excessive profits during the war, the workers as long as hostilities are on, should refrain from strikes. No grievance, however just, should be permitted to slow our march to victory.

Sincerely yours,
Bernard B. Baruch,
John M. Hancock.

Col. Mayo to Head Air Engineers, AAF
WASHINGTON—Assignment of Col. George Mayo, Corps of Engineers, as Air Engineer, Army Air Forces, was announced this week by the War Department. The appointment is retroactive to Dec. 7, 1943. Colonel Mayo succeeds Brig. Gen. S. C. Godfrey, who has been given an unannounced assignment.

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Pepper Hits Provisions Post-War Education Bill

WASHINGTON—Five members of the Senate Education Committee, led by Senator Pepper of Florida, lashed out this week against certain provisions of the bill (S. 1509) to provide post-war education for veterans which they consider discriminatory. The bill has already been given the approval of the majority of the committee, but tacked on to it were amendments by Senator Ball of Minnesota which would limit the length of schooling according to the length of each veteran's service.

Not Liberal Enough
Meanwhile, a number of noted educators, at a hearing before the Senate Finance subcommittee studying the American Legion's Omnibus bill, endorsed its provisions for post-war education. Their major complaint was that it wasn't liberal enough.

Senators Pepper, Murray, Chavez, Hill and LaFollette, Jr., in a minority report on the post-war education bill, opposed the Ball amendments on the grounds that they would deprive the most deserving veterans of the full benefits of the bill. Thus to receive four years' schooling, a veteran would have to have 42 months' service. But only 40 months have already passed since the first man was drafted. The million men already discharged, many of them wounded in battle, would be ineligible for full training.

"The Ball amendment," the five Senators said, "provides that a man who has served faithfully for four years in a desk job or office is more deserving of four years of college than one who has been under fire for two months and been honorably discharged in 17 months."

The minority group also point out that the younger man—the 18- and 19-year-olds now being drafted—who would be best able to profit from post-war schooling, would be discriminated against.

They believe that the factors determining who is to receive free schooling should be the qualifications of the individual and the need of the nation for trained men, not length of service.

Oppose Disqualifications
The group also opposed a provision which would disqualify men with less than six months' total service—unless it is overseas—or who are discharged at their own request.

"Induction into the armed forces

is a privilege and a duty of citizenship," they said. "In the great majority of cases, it entails some degree of personal hardship. The fact of dislocation from civilian security into total jeopardy is enough to entitle every veteran to benefits under this bill."

Despite differences of opinion as to the exact provisions which should be made for post-war education of veterans, strong support of the idea itself is to be found in Congress.

These are the main proposals now under discussion:

ELIGIBILITY

S. 1509—Everyone with six months' service who was not discharged at his own request would be eligible for one year of schooling. Eligibility for longer schooling would be determined by (1) length of service, (2)

comparative ability.

Minority report—Everyone eligible for one year's training. Longer schooling would be determined by ability.

Omnibus bill—All veterans with 90 days' service, "whose education was interrupted" by service, eligible for four year's maximum.

COMPENSATION

S. 1509—All fees and tuition; living allowances of \$50 a month, plus \$25 for a dependent wife or husband and \$10 for each dependent child.

Minority report—the same.

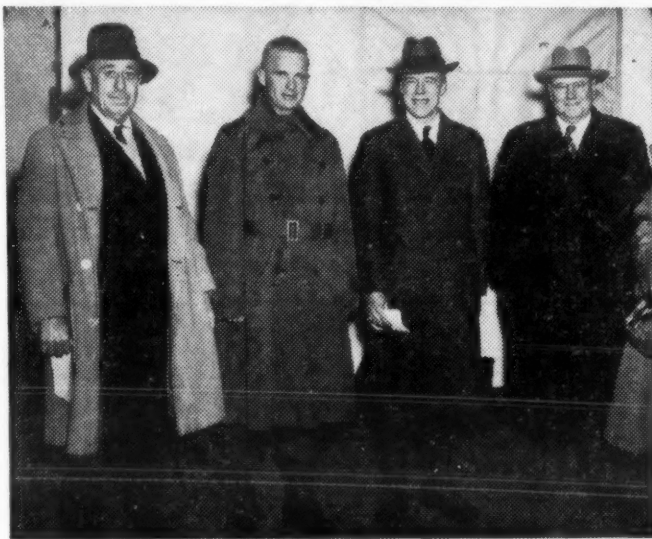
Omnibus bill—All fees and tuition up to \$300 a year, living allowances of \$50 a month, plus \$25 for a dependent wife or husband, nothing for children.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

S. 1509 and minority report—The United States Office of Education, but each State would set up its own educational standards.

Omnibus bill—The Veterans Administration.

THE AMERICAN Red Cross maintains a staff of trained veterans to aid service men's families in trouble.



ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, Undersecretary of War Patterson, third from the left, visited Fort Dix, N. J., where he reviewed troops and watched them maneuver in spite of biting 40-to-60-mile wind and bitter cold. It was also Patterson's 53rd birthday. Accompanying him were Congressman Walter G. Andrews of Buffalo, N. Y., far left, and Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, far right. Fourth man in the above picture is Col. Richard Stillwell. —Signal Corps Photo.

Soldier Bond Purchases Reach Peak in January

WASHINGTON—Purchases of War Bonds by Army personnel reached new highs in January, the War Department announced this week, with sales through pay-roll allotments reaching \$31,916,000.

Thirty-nine per cent of the officers and enlisted personnel of the Army are regular War Bond purchasers, according to the Army War Bond Office at Chicago. Between April 1, 1943, when the Class B pay-roll allotment system went into effect, and January 31, 1944, they have invested \$260,297,000 of their Army pay in

bonds. This figure does not include cash purchases made by scores of thousands of other soldiers, which average around \$4,000,000 each month.

The response of soldiers to the Fourth War Loan Drive has not yet been tabulated, but during January, cash sales to military personnel under the War Loan drive topped \$15,000,000—\$11,000,000 above the average monthly cash sales. During the two months of the Third War Loan Drive, last September and October, cash sales to soldiers totaled approximately \$34,000,000.

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Mr. Baruch Plans for Jobs!

Using the fund of knowledge gained during World War I demobilization, Bernard M. Baruch last week submitted a detailed plan for World War II demobilization to James F. Byrnes, director Office of War Mobilization.

The report is of interest to every man and woman in uniform. Though designed to assist industry in converting from wartime to peacetime production, the ultimate goal of the plan is to provide post-war employment, jobs for all workers.

Leaving nothing to chance, Mr. Baruch submitted a voluminous detailed plan. Rich in the philosophy of free enterprise, Mr. Baruch pictured the nation's economic future in bright colors.

Although lashed at by critics, who disagreed with the authority vested in the President, none were heard who disagreed with the ultimate goal which would be achieved through the plan. Congressional leaders felt the right to set up the post-war planning organization should rest in their hands. Although a scrap is anticipated over just who will run the show—we believe the Baruch plan with its promise of post-war jobs will be adopted.

Mr. Baruch in making the report pointed out that "victory is our first and only duty, but just as we prepare for war in time of peace, so we should prepare for peace in time of war." He recommended that no active steps be taken for reconversion now, but proposed that the ground-work be laid for the readjustment so there will be little delay when the ultimate victory is won.

The policy standards, which touched virtually every aspect of post-war adjustment, are being carefully studied and action is being taken by General Hines, work director in charge of the personnel problems, and William L. Clayton, surplus property administrator. Both men were named by the President in accordance with the recommendations.

Mr. Baruch has made a great contribution to the future security of service men and women. While others advanced vague post-war ideas and proposals he and his associate, John M. Hancock, were carefully studying the entire situation and then made concrete suggestions designed to solve the problems. No one can expect every phase of the Baruch report to be workable but he has laid the foundation upon which a solid post-war economy can be built.

Churchill Recognizes the Enemy!

When most of the world was reeling back from the unrelenting blows of the Axis forces, Prime Minister Churchill could always be counted on to stick out his jaw and give a good old-fashioned pep talk.

The enthusiasm Prime Minister Churchill was able to whip up among his followers has evidently led to a bit of over-enthusiasm. Now that the Axis is fighting a defensive war the leader of the British Empire found it necessary to point out that the war is far from over.

"This is no time for sorrow or rejoicing," he said. "It is time for preparation, effort and resolve. The war is still going on. I have never taken the view that the end of the war in Europe is at hand or that Hitler is about to collapse and I have certainly given no guarantee or even held out any expectations that the year 1944 will see the end of the European war, nor have I given any guarantee the other way."

Following close on the heels of the Prime Minister's speech other Allied leaders confirmed his opinion that the war in Europe is tough and that no forecast concerning its ultimate end was possible. Many of the leaders, however, expressed their opinion that the war in the South Pacific is moving ahead with surprising speed.

Prime Minister Churchill warned the German people that the bombing attacks would increase steadily throughout the coming summer. The battle in Italy was viewed as a military necessity and that after all we must meet the German forces somewhere. Every Nazi division defending Rome weakened their forces elsewhere, he pointed out.

The Prime Minister knows that the Axis is on the defensive. He believes, as he always did, that the Allies are going to be the ultimate victors. But, with the same attitude which characterized his determination when the Axis was on the offensive, he recognizes that as long as Hitler and the Army Staff remain in power the Nazis are far from defeat.

Black-and-White Jeep Looks, Acts Like Zebra

MCCLELLAN FIELD, Ala.—We'd like to suggest that they call them "zeeps," those little black-and-white jeeps that they've started to use here to mark the airplane lots.

The broad black-and-white-striped jeeps, so easy to see that they practically hit the pilot between the eyes, look a lot like zebras. They frisk around like them, too—darting out of the way of taxiing planes playing follow-the-leader to the plane's allotted parking space.

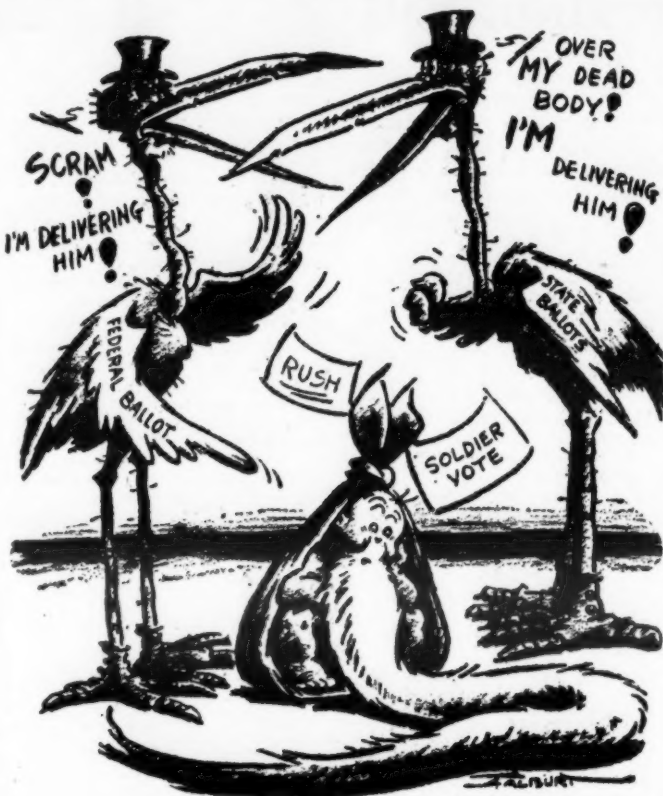
"Zeeps" have been hailed as a big improvement over the slow-moving, clumsy OD tugs whose driver had to steer with one hand, while he held a black and white checkered flag in the other.

Soldier, 56, Claims 'Oldest Pfc' Title

FORT SILL, Okla.—Claiming the crown of "Oldest Pfc. in World War II" is 56-year-old Pfc. Chester A. Park, veteran of both World Wars now assigned to Hq. Sec., 1864th Unit, Army Service Forces. Park was a member of the renowned Rainbow Division in World War I and fought in all its engagements. His unimilitary hobby of making pot-holders is a product of his military career. After he was discharged in 1919, Park was hospitalized and learned to weave the cloth holders as part of the occupational therapy program of the Veterans' Administration.

He enlisted in this war and was sent to Hawaii with a Signal Air Warning Battalion.

In the Meantime He's Growing a Nice Crop of Whiskers!—By Talburt



—Courtesy Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

War Is Old Stuff To Cowboy Buck

By ERNIE PYLE

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IN ITALY — Buck Eversole is a platoon sergeant in an infantry company. That means he has charge of about 40 front-line fighting men.

He had been at the front for more than a year. War is old to him and he has become almost the master of it. He is a senior partner now in the institution of death.

His platoon has turned over many times as battle whittles down the old ones and the replacement system brings up the new ones. Only a handful now are veterans.

"It gets so it kinda gets you, seein' these new kids come up," Buck told me one night in his slow, barely audible western voice, so full of honesty and sincerity.

"Some of them have just got fuzz on their faces, and don't know what it's all about, and they're scared to death. No matter what, some of them are bound to get killed."

We talked about some of the other old-time non-coms who could take battle themselves, but had gradually grown morose under the responsibility of leading green boys to their slaughter. Buck spoke of one sergeant especially, a brave and hardened man, who went to his captain and asked him to be reduced to a private in the lines.

"I know it ain't my fault that they get killed," Buck finally said. "And I do the best I can for them, but I've got so I feel like it's me killin' 'em instead of a German. I've got so I feel like a murderer. I hate to look at them when the new ones come in."

Buck himself has been fortunate. Once he was shot thru the arm. His own skill and wisdom have saved him many times, but luck has saved him countless other times.

One night Buck and an officer took refuge from shelling in a two-room Italian store house. As they sat there, a shell came thru the wall of the far room, crossed the room and buried itself in the middle wall with its nose pointed upward. It didn't go off.

Another time Buck was leading his platoon on a night attack. They were walking in Indian file. Suddenly a mine went off, and killed the entire squad following Buck. He himself had miraculously walked thru the mine field without hitting a one.

One day Buck went stalking a German officer in close combat, and wound up with the German on one side of a farmhouse and Buck on the other. They kept throwing grenades

over the house at each other without success.

Finally Buck stepped around one corner of the house, and came face to face with the German, who'd had the same idea.

Buck was ready and pulled the trigger first. His slug hit the German just above the heart. The German had a wonderful pair of binoculars slung over his shoulders, and the bullet smashed them to bits. Buck had wanted some German binoculars for a long time.

The ties that grow up between men who live savagely and die relentlessly together are ties of great strength. There is a sense of fidelity to each other among little corps of men who have endured so long and whose hope in the end can be but so small.

One afternoon while I was with the company Sgt. Buck Eversole's turn came to go back to rest camp for five days. The company was due to attack that night.

Buck went to his company commander and said, "Lieutenant, I do not think I better go. I'll stay if you need me."

The lieutenant said, "Of course I need you, Buck; I always need you. But it's your turn and I want you to go. In fact, you're ordered to go."

The truck taking the few boys away to rest camp left just at dusk. It was drizzling and the valleys were swathed in a dismal mist. Artillery of both sides flashed and rumbled around the horizon. The encroaching darkness was heavy and foreboding.

Buck came to the little group of old-timers in the company with whom I was standing, to say goodby. You'd have thought he was leaving forever. He shook hands all around, and his smile seemed sick and vulnerable. He was a man stalling off his departure.

He said, "Well, good luck to you all." And then he said, "I'll be back in just five days." He said good-bye all around and slowly started away. But he stopped and said good-bye all around again, and he said, "Well, good luck to you all."

I walked with him toward the truck in the dusk. He kept his eyes on the ground, and I think he would have cried if he knew how, and he said to me very quietly:

"This is the first battle I've ever missed that this battalion has been in. Even when I was in the hospital with my arm they were in bivouac. This will be the first one I've ever missed. I sure do hope they have good luck."

"I feel like a deserter." He climbed in, and the truck dissolved into the blackness. I went back and lay down on the ground among my other friends, waiting for the night orders to march. I lay there in the darkness thinking—terribly touched by the great simple devotion of this soldier who was a cowboy—and thinking of the millions far away at home who must remain forever unaware of the powerful fraternalism in the ghastly brotherhood of war.

Letters

Gentlemen:

The alarming attitude of both Houses of Congress, particularly toward the soldier vote bill and the subsidy bill is disturbing to servicemen. I am shocked at their utter lack of foresight and inability to understand public opinion. Having no plan of its own, Congress' attitude is amazing to say the least; oppose everything, criticize everything.

The stand the opposition takes toward the soldier vote is outrageous. If soldiers want to elect President Roosevelt for a 4th or 5th or 6th term, it is their constitutional privilege to do so as a part of the American people. There are many men who have occupied public positions for many years without the cry being raised that their reelection was harmful to the public interest.

The anti-subsidy bill would immediately result in uncontrolled inflation. Any fool can see that, but our keen-eyed representatives refuse to understand.

After viewing the public scene in Washington, I ask, "What are we fighting for?"

Sgt. J. Frederick Becker
20th Armored Division
APO 444, Camp Campbell, Ky.

Gentlemen:

The \$300 mustering-out pay provided by Congress must be considered as either a token payment or a joke. This sum is no compensation to soldiers who sacrificed automobiles and other possessions, gave up the opportunity of learning a trade, establishing an employment record, earning high wages, or marrying and making a home.

Congress should guarantee each serviceman willing to work a lifetime job or its equivalent if he is disabled. It should pass a mustering-out bill paying \$1,000 for each year of service, with 20 percent extra for foreign duty.

This would raise morale, create homes, create jobs, improve the health and education of veterans' families.

Cpl. John H. Bukani
10th Ord. Co. (MM)
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have just read with interest your article, "Drafting Men by Age Groups." I have hoped that the Army would soon replace the older enlisted men, especially those who have been overseas 18 months or more. Their experience would make them good timber for the service units because they would know the value of their new work.

Then, too, many older men would find new fields of leadership opened to them. Lastly, many men in this age group were among the first to go overseas and deserve the opportunities available now for specialized training and schooling.

Pvt. J. Patrovsky
601, 129th Infantry, APO 37
Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Less talking; more direct action by our pious politicians on the soldier's vote bill and post-war planning will improve our respect for Congress. Thanks for helping us in our war on the home front.

Cpl. George Finfer
Co. M-15th STR
Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Much has been said about assisting ex-servicemen in getting jobs after the war. Many of us want to go into business for ourselves. As the right of free enterprise and small business as an institution are some of the things we fight for, a little assistance in this direction would not be amiss.

The government could assist ex-servicemen who are interested in going into farming by leasing or selling tractors, jeeps, trucks and other GI equipment at reasonable rates.

Ex-servicemen should be given opportunities to lease or purchase GI tools and equipment to set up service stations, automobile repair shops, machine shops, maintenance shops at airports, trucking companies, and so forth.

Facilities and permits should be issued to the Air Corps men to set up air lines on a cooperative basis.

Sgt. Donald L. Grant
S/Sgt. Nathan Cohen
Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

GI Family Is Most Proud of K-9 Member

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—There are six human members of the De-Nomme family in the armed forces, but they're proudest of their dog, Ranger, who is already on overseas duty with the K-9's.

Pvt. Bill is in the AAATC here; brothers Alfred and Joseph are in the Army, stationed elsewhere. Their mother is in the WAC and their father is also in the armed forces. Brother George is the dissenter—he joined the Navy.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

A theater cashier at **CAMP ROBERTS**, Calif., reports that a rookie stepped up to the window, looked at the sign that states "General Admission, 15 cents" and asked, "How much for privates?"

Paul Skobbeko, ex-soldier of **NEW YORK**, has learned that Army service has put him out of the coal business. Under the law, he is allowed to sell 90 per cent as much coal as he sold in a comparative period last season. Last season he was in the Army and didn't sell any. Local officials have been sympathetic but unhelpful, he says.

Central Signal Corps School Detachment at **CAMP CROWDER**, Mo., finished their night hike wearing gas masks. Reason: Their pet dog, serving as advance scout, flushed out a skunk. No amount of shoeing could convince him that his services were no longer desired.

Pvt. Robert C. Grimm, **CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON**, Fla., wired his company commander while on furlough last week: "No one ill. No trouble. Having fine time. Please wire furlough extension." Replied the CO: "Your happiness grieves us. The officers and men of the 336th extend their sympathies and hope for your speedy return upon the expiration of furlough. Extension not granted."

T/5 Henry G. Coleman, Oliver General Hospital, **AUGUSTA**, Ga., has coined a command that should find

a place next to the immortal "Hips on shoulders. Place!" Instructing a bunch of rookies, Coleman gave the command: "Position of attention. Take!" Done in two counts, we presume.

Seen at **SCOTT FIELD**, Ill.—A non-com opening his blouse with a zipper. The buttons were merely camouflage and sewn on to comply with regulations.

When Sgt. Bill Mossman of **LINCOLN FIELD**, Nebr., was appointed Barracks Chief, he filled his pipe and passed it around to each man in the barracks. Sort of a peace pipe...

Most GIs would hesitate before admitting that their hobby is rug-weaving. But not T/Sgt. Robert G. Lassiter of **FORT HANCOCK**, N. J. "Publicity helps my business," says Lassiter, who has earned several hundred dollars weaving rugs for other soldiers since he returned from the South Pacific. He learned to weave at an Army hospital while convalescing.

CAMP BLANDING, Fla., has one extremely annoyed GI in Pvt. J. McHatton. After having numerous teeth pulled, he returned to his barracks and found a gift from his wife—a box of peanut brittle.

When an inspection team reached one rookie at **CAMP BARKELEY**, Tex., they found him in his stocking feet. "I'm just following instructions," he blurted. The sergeant had told the neophytes to "Have all your shoes neatly polished, laced and placed under your bunks, with toes in and heels out."

Sgt. Roy Testa, just arrived at **CAMP COOKE**, Calif., found a pile of rubble and paper on his new bunk. He cursed, started to clean it up and saw on one paper the name of the man who had occupied the bed before him. It was Sgt. Louis Testa—his brother whom he hadn't seen in six months and who he thought might be overseas. With the

help of the Service Club, Roy located his brother still at Camp Cooke. **ROYALTY DEPARTMENT:** At **CAMP LEE**, Va., Pvt. Joseph de Riquet de Chimnay renounced his title, dating back to the Roman Empire, as a prince, and became an American citizen. At **CAMP EDWARDS**, Mass., Princess Chavchavadze, a member of the Romanoffs, the Imperial family of old Russia, is now working at a PX. Her husband is a Red Cross assistant field director overseas and her son is a staff sergeant in Alaska.

The General paid with a
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HIGHLY-TRAINED units of the Chinese forces have occasionally taken to the air as a means of transportation to vital areas of the Far Eastern war front. Transport planes of the India-China Wing, Air Transport Command, have been pressed into use for this operation. Here three Chinese soldiers, who may be likened to our airborne infantry, examine the insignia on the back of an American airman. This insignia is used to identify the flyer as friendly, in case he is forced down in parts of China where the people are unfamiliar with Americans, the war or the outside world.

—U. S. AAF Photo.

Australian to Advise Anzacs To Adopt U. S. Training Plan

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—A Royal Australian Air Corps squadron leader inspecting Signal Corps teaching methods here declared he would advise adoption of the Fort Monmouth standardized teaching methods for his corps.

He is Squadron Leader John F. O'Neill, staff officer at RAAC headquarters in Melbourne, a member of an Anzac military mission which for the past six months has been inspecting training methods in England and Canada and recently arrived in the United States. Other members of the mission are touring other military establishments.

Squadron Leader O'Neill, a member of the RAAC since 1930, who has been "on numerous bombing missions" from Australia and now supervises training of wireless operators, declared:

"The type training being given American soldiers seems quite excellent and should be absorbed easily. I intend to recommend adoption of the 'Lesson Plan' system used at Fort Monmouth for Australian training."

Under the "Lesson Plan," instructors are given specific layouts for each lesson, with each phase of the work being allotted parts of the period. In this way, any instructor can take over a class at any time in the course. Too, if a student misses lessons, he may be transferred easily to another class and pick up his

training at the exact place he left the course.

During his tour here, Squadron Leader O'Neill observed methods used in training both officers and enlisted men of the Signal Corps. This was his first tour of a fort in this country and will be followed by visits to others across the nation.

Mrs. FDR Definitely Going to Caribbean

WASHINGTON—GIs in Caribbean posts may look forward to meeting Mrs. Roosevelt one of these days. She's definitely going to make the trip, she said at her press conference this week.

When she will leave is to be decided by the President and Government agencies.

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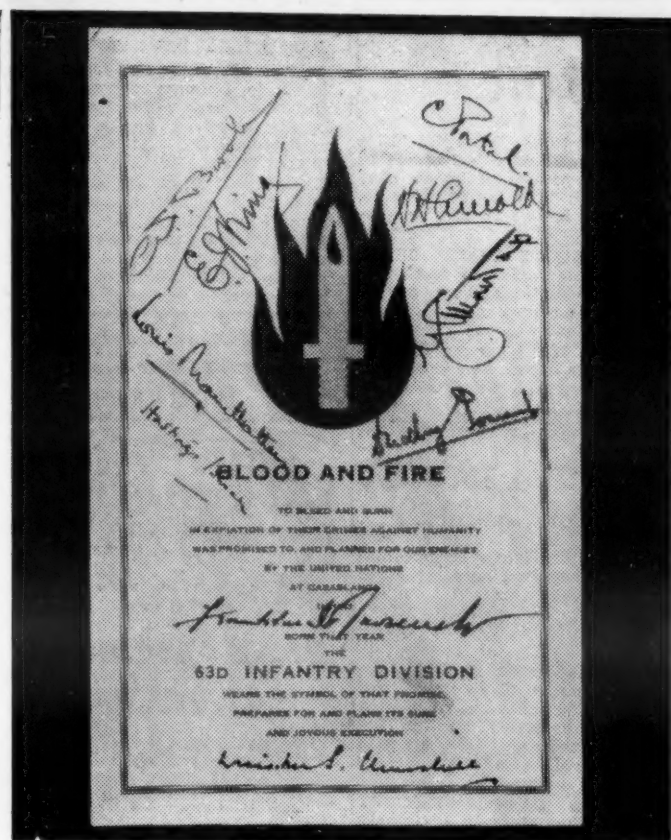


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CAMP VAN DORN, Miss. — The fighting men of the Blood and Fire (63d) Infantry Division now are the proud possessors of a unique and priceless talisman—an omen of good fortune that will send them into battle knowing that they have with them the special regard and honor of the Commander-in-Chief, yes, even of the United Nations.

The talisman, replete with historical significance, is a 5x8-inch card showing the Division insignia adorned by signatures of the men who "made" the Casablanca Conference—the conference from which the Division took its symbolic shoulder patch and name.

Take Casablanca Motto

Born June 15, 1943, the year in which President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill promised at Casablanca to "make the enemy bleed and burn in expiation of their crimes" the 63d Division took that pledge as its motto—Blood and Fire—to make the enemy bleed and burn.

The insignia of this combat division is a sheet of crimson flame, upon which is emblazoned an up-turned golden sword from the tip of which blood flows.

On one of the colorful insignia cards, between and around the printed lines, are written the original signatures of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill; Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army; Admiral Ernest J. King, Admiral of the Fleet; Gen. H. H. Arnold, Commander of the United States Army Air Forces; the late Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, Admiral of the British Fleet; Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff; Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Frederick Portal, Chief of Britain's Air Staff; Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, then Britain's Chief of Combined Operations, and Lt. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, Chief of Staff to the Office of Minister of Defense.

Origin of Motto

The origin of the Blood and Fire Insignia and the signing of one of the cards are separate and interesting stories.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs was charged early in March, 1943, with the task of forming the 63d Infantry Division. Gen. Hibbs wanted an insignia that would be a vivid and inspiring device worthy of a combat division—one which would keep their combat mission always before the eyes of his men. He definitely wanted to avoid the staid geometrical and number patterns that are all too frequently seen.

At this time the story of the Casablanca Conference still held the world's rapt attention. The United Nations pledge made there by the President and Prime Minister, that "our enemies would bleed and burn in expiation of their crimes against humanity," inspired him to focus the development of his fighting division around this realistic theme of blood and fire.

This idea, plus a conference with the heraldic experts in the War De-

partment, produced the Blood and Fire Insignia.

The striking insignia worn on the shoulders of men of the Blood and Fire Division calls to mind the words of Gen. Hibbs in an Activation Day address to the Division:

One Signature Irreplaceable

"Your role is combat, nothing else. Let the Blood and Fire you wear on your shoulder keep you reminded always that war is a bloody and vicious game—no sportsmanship, no quarter. This emblem was designed to keep you reminded that either you kill your enemy or he kills you."

The Division had its pledge, wore its insignia, but something more was needed, something that would show the men that not only the General, but the Commander-in-Chief, the United Nations were backing them to the hilt. And so the idea of obtaining the signatures was conceived.

The impressive array of dignitaries was to be found at the ends of the earth, almost. The card traveled to the office of the Army's Chief of Staff, then to the Quebec Conference and still later to England. One of the signatures in particular now is irreplaceable, as Sir Dudley Pound died Oct. 21, 1943.

Army, Navy May Equalize Physical Requirements

WASHINGTON—That the Army and Navy may equalize physical requirements was hinted strongly last week as a five-man committee appointed by President Roosevelt to study physical, mental and moral qualifications for admission to the armed forces prepared its report for official approval.

Indications are that the Army will maintain its present standards, while the Navy will relax on certain phases to conform with Army listings and bring about a uniform policy.

McIntire Statement A Clue

Indications of this are found in

Legion Magazine Wants Unusual Contributions

NEW YORK—The American Legion Magazine is looking for contributions of unusual experiences, service gags, snapshots and such for a new department, which is to take the place of the famed "Then and Now" section run for years following World War I.

Such matter as is accepted for publication will be paid for. As the magazine notes: Home stations, and overseas outfits, folks ashore or in the air, are invited to send their material to the Company Clerk, The American Legion Magazine, One Park Place, New York 16, N. Y., for consideration.

New Sleeping Bag Has Long Zipper—For Operations

WASHINGTON—A twenty-foot long slide fastener with ten separate sliders, one of the longest "zipper" ever manufactured, is the fastening device for a new type of sleeping bag, designed and developed by the Quartermaster Corps for evacuation of wounded under conditions of extreme cold, the War Department announced this week.

The new bag will be used by Army Air Forces for air evacuation at high altitudes, and by Army Ground Forces in ambulances operating in Arctic and sub-Arctic areas.

It consists of two mattresses held together by a slide fastener. The outside of the bag is of water-repellent duck, and the inside of cotton balloon cloth. It is stuffed with feathers, is quilted, weighs 24 pounds, and has six carrying loops.

By bringing all ten sliders together on one side, the bag may be opened out flat for cleaning and airing. When occupied and closed, use of any of the ten sliders permits easy access to any part of the wounded man without entirely exposing him. Another 32-inch zipper with three sliders permits opening the bag down the front, including an arrangement for a face opening. A face opening also may be made at one side for patients who must be transported lying on one side.

Sergeant Invents Cleaning Hose

WASHINGTON—A high pressure hose that expedites and simplifies the cleaning of mobile equipment of his engineer aviation battalion in England is the product of the ingenuity of Sgt. John P. Larsen of Long Island, N. Y., the War Department announced this week.

Working with salvaged materials, Sergeant Larsen fitted a long steel pipe with a tapered nozzle and two connections for compressed air and water. Air is fed into the contrivance from a compressor and the water is injected from the most convenient spigot. The air forces the water through the nozzle at any desired pressure, greatly facilitating the task of cleaning trucks and heavy construction equipment. An oil solution is substituted for water when tar and other such substances must be removed.

Known as his battalion's "idea man," Sergeant Larsen was a machinist in civilian life, and his suggestions on improvement of American 30 and .50 caliber machine guns soon are to be given trials by Ordnance engineers. He admits he also is "working on" several ideas for the improvement of equipment used by engineers.

\$5,000,000 Equipment Expended for Rescue

BOSTON—Equipment worth \$5,000,000 was expended in the rescue of 15 wounded veterans of the Guadalcanal fighting whose hospital plane was forced down in the Pacific.

This was the story told by Marine Corps Sgt. Stephen Kupiac at a war bond rally.

Kupiac, who was one of the 15, said an Army transport plane, three pursuit planes and a destroyer were lost in rescuing the men from a coral reef.

a statement by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon general of the Navy and chairman of the President's commission, who reported that the Army will cut down immediately the size of its limited service group.

This, in effect, would somewhat raise the Army standards. The equalization presumably would be completed by the Navy lowering its eye and teeth requirements to correspond to those of Army general service requirements. One source has reported such action as one of the medical commission's recommendations.

The moves as anticipated are expected to have no immediate effect on the nation's three million 4-F's, but will, it is believed, improve the over-all Selective Service picture.

Congress Ordered Study

He said that veterans returning from combat with impairing injuries would be used to do the jobs limited servicemen are now doing.

Congress, seeking to delay as long as possible the induction of fathers, directed creation of the special commission, and President Roosevelt on December 30 last year appointed the following: Admiral McIntire; Maj. Gen. Norman Kirk, surgeon general of the Army; Dr. Alan C. Woods, ophthalmologist in chief of Johns Hopkins Hospital; Dr. Frank H. Lahey, surgeon in chief of the Lahey Clinic in Boston; and Dr. Edward A. Sprecker, University of Pennsylvania psychiatry professor.

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From All Over The World

Gave His Life for a Pup

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—An American officer—name not revealed—gave his life in trying to bring comfort to a little ragged Italian girl who was crying for her injured dog. The officer, who was known for his love of home and his own little daughter, was charged with providing security for one of the mine fields laid in the sector. The pet mongrel had wandered into the mine field, had detonated one of the anti-personnel mines and was lying whimpering, some yards beyond the protective barbed wire. His owner was crying pitifully at the edge of the barrier. The officer stepped across the wire barrier, made his way to where the pup was lying, picked him up in his arms and started back to where the little girl, with shining eyes in a dirty face, was watching nervously. Then, his attention somehow momentarily diverted, the officer stepped on a mine hidden in the grass and, with the dog, was killed instantly.

Remote-Control Friendship

IN THE SOUTH SEAS—Navy Patrol bombers who flew frequently over a small Pacific island have developed a sort of remote-control friendship with the natives who live there. To break the monotony of their lonely reconnaissance flights, the men started dropping candy and cigarettes as they passed over the island. After two or three such "bombings," the natives lost all timidity about showing themselves and now build notes out of stones and wood branches to give messages which read like this: "To those who send gifts to us, thanks very much; good idea and good luck, lots." Now the messages are changed each week and the air crews plan to take something to jettison on every trip.

'Merry' Meal

NAPLES—A Christmas dinner enjoyed at Ortona within 400 yards of the German lines is still being talked about by members of a fighting Canadian battalion. The route through the main street of the town, from the battalion's position to the building where the feast was served was scarred with shell craters that had not been there half an hour previously. Tanks were engaged at one end of the street, and snipers' bullets filled the air in the vicinity. The fighting men, rifles still warm, crawled on their stomachs to keep the date. Others ran from door to door. But they came like children to a Sunday School treat, whooping when they saw the line of tables, each with its white cloth. The dinner menu was Scotch broth, roast pork with creamed potatoes and cauliflower, mixed vegetables, pudding with two days' ration of rum in the sauce, apples, oranges and almonds, and a bottle of beer for each soldier. The meal went on merrily, with artillery shells roaring overhead and occasional flak thumping on the house roof two floors above.

Smooth Take-off

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GEORGIA—Bill Fox, CMC, was up on the framing of a new barracks nailing on an asbestos roof when a sudden tropical storm came from nowhere and lifted the whole roof off, with Fox clinging to it. He whizzed over the surrounding area at an elevation of 20 feet and finally made a crash landing on a mountainside 200 feet away, groggy but unhurt. Fox says that in this case the landing wasn't much worse than some he has had

in planes, and that the take-off was even smoother.

He Knew How

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—Capt. James Smith, of Okemah, Okla., had had a good deal of experience in handling mules which came into good use here the other day. A newly arrived young mule with a mind of its own was giving a lot of trouble to some mule-skinner. Smith volunteered to help, clamped a headlock on the beast and bit its ear. There was no further trouble.

Good Reason

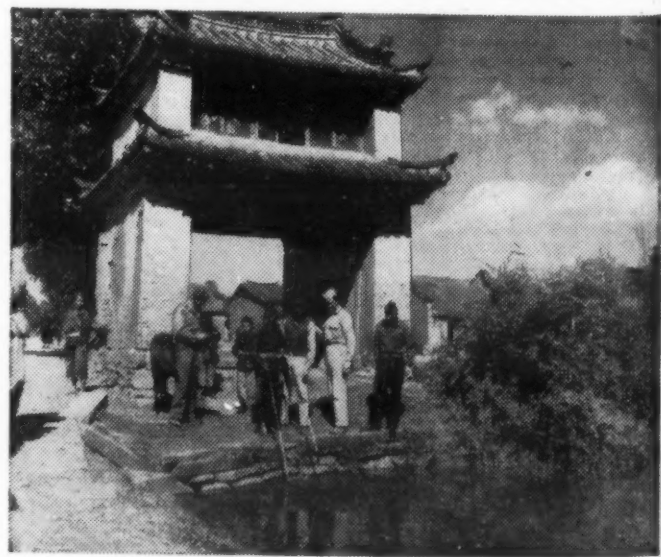
AT SARDINIA—The bombardier of a B-17 which is serviced here had to think up a new way of announcing that he had released his bombs. He used to shout: "Bombs away; let's get the hell out of here." Now he has changed it to: "Bombs away; we've finished our job for Uncle Sam." It appears that on one mission a new tail gunner heard the old cry: "Let's get the hell out of here," over the interphone just as a piece of flak ripped through the plane. He didn't stop to ask questions. He just bailed out.

Postwar Planning

TUNIS—Pfc. James Kikoyne, of Deerfield, Ill., believes in providing for after the war employment right here. He tacked up a notice on the Red Cross board something like this: "I have a fine set of pictures attached. Would you like a set? After the war I plan to make up sets like these, plus six of the shots which cannot be sent home at present because of censorship. The cost of the 16 shots is only \$1.25." The notice went on with instructions to print the name and home address on the attached sheets. "I'll make up the pictures and mail them to all who have signed up." More than 30 customers had signed the sheets, including one colonel. The pictures must have been good. Someone stole Kikoyne's samples.

On the Road to Rome

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—"I've heard a lot about the road to Rome, but I never thought we'd have to build it," said Capt. John Upton, of New York City, one of the Engineers who are helping to keep the lines of communications open. Every day the holes are filled in with statues, sinks, hairbrushes, fancy fedora hats and bathtubs. These things are parts of the rubble of Italian houses which were blown to pieces by shells, sliced open by bombs, then flattened by TNT or bulldozers and piled on to waiting trucks to be distributed to different outfits along the way. "Once, when we ripped down a house, the boys found a big cask of wonderful wine in the cellar," said Captain Upton. "It was one of the few compensations to make up for a lot of things." Sometimes it is muddy, slushy mud that reaches way up past the man's leggings, sticky mud that grips on to jeep wheels like quicksand. "The men's shoes are always wet because we're too close to the front lines to build any fires to dry them," said Captain Upton. "The boys are out there shoveling the mud off the road all day long—even my weapons platoon boys are using shovels instead of machine guns. The Jerries come along ever so often, drop a few eggs opening some more holes which have to be filled with some more ruined Italian houses. We're running out of houses," he joked. "We're going to have to capture another busted-up town pretty quick. Or else, we'll have to get some more rock quarries."



CONVALESCING soldiers in the Chinese theatre of operations get a bit of fresh air and a first-hand view of Oriental architecture. The tours are conducted by the American Red Cross.

7th Division 'Dug' Japs Out Of Marshall Islands

WASHINGTON—Doughboys of the Seventh Infantry Division who captured Kwajalein and other islands of the Kwajalein atoll during the invasion of the Marshall Islands literally had to dig the Japanese out of the ground, it was revealed this week by Col. Sybil E. Faine, Inf., of New Straitsville, Ohio, who arrived in the United States this week from the Central Pacific.

Colonel Faine, an Army ground forces observer who acted as deputy chief of staff of the division during the six-day campaign, said the Japanese defenders of the mid-Pacific coral base had taken refuge in hundreds of shell craters by the time the first waves of infantry hit the shore on January 31, February 1, Pacific Time).

Like Killing Rats

"It was just like killing rats," he declared. "The whole island was rubble, after the preliminary bombing and shelling. The Japs had crawled underground wherever they could, and the infantrymen had to stop at every hole and fire down into it, or throw grenades into it."

Colonel Faine, a staff officer at AGF Headquarters, Washington, praised the methodical and thorough planning that went into the operation, and the teamwork among Army and Navy forces.

"The whole attack was coordinated beautifully," he said. "Every man knew exactly where he was supposed to go and exactly what he was supposed to do. Several days before the actual assault, the whole division practiced it at an island on which the outline of our objective had been carefully marked with white tape."

The Japs tried hard to hang onto their key bases, Colonel Faine said. Hundreds of pillboxes, from fifteen inches to three feet thick, made of concrete and coconut logs and covered with sand, blocked the infantry's progress. There were also underground concrete shelters five feet thick, with flimsy wooden shacks built over them as camouflage. That the Japs were by no means ready to abandon their positions in the Marshalls was indicated by the fact that the Americans found quantities of building concrete and reinforcing iron, presumably intended for use in constructing additional fortifications.

Courage Praised

Colonel Faine spoke highly of the courage and efficiency of the soldiers of the Seventh Division, who previously earned the distinction, at Attu, of regaining the first United States territory lost to the Japs in this war, and who now hold the added distinction of having seized, with the Fourth Marine Division, the first ground which belonged to Japan at the start of the war.

"The infantry moved in swiftly and deliberately," he said. "Every last detail had been planned in advance. The wounded were evacuated as soon as they were collected, and the chaplains had a cemetery finished by the time I left, just after the last Jap had been put out of commission."

Rear Admiral Richard K. Turner, U. S. Navy, commanding the amphibious force, and Maj. Gen. Charles H. Corlett, U. S. Army, commanding the Seventh Division, both saluted the American dead at a moving ceremony held on Kwajalein in a fenced-in graveyard built among the shattered trunks of coconut palms, Colonel Faine reported.

The Japanese were up to their usual tricks, he disclosed. Although driven steadily back from the moment the first doughboy hit the beach, they tried one abortive counterattack, led by a private first class and punctuated by loud bugle calls. Even after they were hopelessly defeated, they refused to give up. At one point in the action, an American aid station was established close to

Hero Unknown at Home Till He Got His Medals

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Though he is the only man so far in the Army to win both the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Cross in this war, a home town boy walked around here for some days, and had to go to Washington to get his medals before anyone but his immediate friends honored him.

After several weeks in hospital, Lt. Jerry Kisters came home to Bloomington, with no special welcome nor fanfare. Then he was called to Washington with his wife and parents, saw the President, who pinned on the Congressional Medal, and General Marshall, who gave him his Distinguished Service Cross.

When he came home the second time, bands played, the Governor was there, a Congressman made a speech, and all the city paid him a hero's tribute.

a pile of three apparently dead Japs. Only two of them, it turned out, were really dead. The third, at the bottom of the heap, pulled himself up after playing possum for a long time and fired one ineffectual shot at an American officer. Other Japs blew themselves up with grenades.

Admiral Disguised Self

Japanese prisoners stated that their commanding officer, an admiral, had disguised himself as an army private just before the end of the battle. His body was never identified.

The landing on the Marshalls, Colonel Faine said, was preceded by one of the most intensive bombardments of the war. Both Army and Navy planes participated, and later, warships pounded the Jap defenses. "One airstrip on the Wotje atoll was so chopped up," Colonel Faine said, "that not only couldn't the Japs get a plane off it, but you couldn't even have run a wheelbarrow along it."

The aerial hammering kept up as the invasion armada, containing more ships than there were in our whole Navy at the start of the war, swept over the horizon. As the landings started, Seventh Division infantrymen who had received special amphibious training drove their own "alligators" and "ducks" toward shore, and later ferried supplies back and forth from the mother ships.

Colonel Faine emphasized the skill with which supplies were handled during the operation. "The beaches never got cluttered," he said. "We brought ashore just what we needed, and didn't let a lot of unnecessary stuff get in our way." The whole invasion was conducted with such unprecedented success, he said, that it was over before it had become necessary to unload a single item off several supply ships.

Easy Going First Day

The doughboys had relatively easy going when they first hit the beaches, advancing 1,300 yards on the first day. On the second day, they began to run into lines of pillboxes, against which they advanced with combat engineers right behind them. With flamethrowers, grenades, and other weapons, the infantrymen calmly cleaned out each pillbox as they got to it. The engineers used 400 tons of dynamite on two islands alone, leveling everything on them.

Colonel Faine paid special tribute to the division's artillery, which dropped tons of shells on the enemy's positions before and during the infantry's advance, and to the cavalry reconnaissance troop, which spearheaded landings on several islands and killed almost as many Japs as its total strength.

Ledo Road, Over the Hump, Will Deliver Supplies to China

ON THE LEDO ROAD, China—Recognized as one of the great engineering feats of the present war, this spectacular highway through the malarial forests of the Naga hills is now over "the Hump" and is being used to deliver supplies to the troops fighting in the Hukawng Valley of Northern Burma.

Communication With China

The road is behind Chinese forces advancing against the Japanese. The plans call for it to link eventually

Somervell Warns of 'Toughest Job' Ahead

NEW YORK—Speaking at an emergency meeting of the salvage committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here, Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Army Supply Services, declared that the "toughest job" of the war lies ahead.

"Everyone knows there is going to be an invasion," General Somervell said, "and there's been a lot of talk about victory being within our grasp. We are going to win the war; there is no doubt about that."

"We've been tremendously successful, but the toughest job any warring country ever had is still ahead of us—and there can't be any question of too little or too late with our supplies."

Overseas Duty Spoiled Him

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Although he is an Army veteran T/Sgt. James Mooney has been having some trouble making his bunk, sweeping, and performing tasks considered routine stuff to most experienced Army men. Fifteen months in Africa spoiled him! The sergeant, assigned to Camp Breckinridge after returning from overseas service, had a native African boy who served as room orderly for 20 cents a week.

Iceland Bishop Praises Good Will with U.S.

WASHINGTON—The good will existing between inhabitants of Iceland and the American soldiers stationed there was lauded by Bishop Sigurgeir Sigurdsson, Lutheran Bishop of Iceland, on a visit to Washington, with Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) William R. Arnold, Army Chief of Chaplains.

Bishop Sigurdsson, in Washington as an official delegate of the Icelandic Government, said the coming of thousands of United States soldiers to Iceland, a nation of some 130,000 persons, created many problems, but that the good will engendered by the hospitality of the inhabitants and the exemplary conduct of the troops have "strengthened the ties of both nations."

"Since July, 1941, when the United States took over the military protection of my country, I have looked forward to visiting the people of Icelandic descent, whose sons, brothers, and husbands are making their temporary homes in my country," the Bishop said.

"I have preached at services at the Cathedral of Reykjavik for the soldiers of our country and have had your Chaplains as guests in my home and in the homes of my clergymen. We have benefited by this close acquaintanceship."

"The mutual good will and understanding of your two fine commanding generals, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel and his successor, Maj. Gen. Williams S. Key, and the Church of Iceland, have done much to insure friendly relations of the people of Iceland and the United States of America. That friendliness has grown as we have come to know and understand your people."

Hole's a Hole—Move Over, Fritz

WASHINGTON—Citing the case of Pfc. William Fedor of Twinsburg, Ohio, the War Department said this week that when a Yank doughboy needs a foxhole—he finds one.

The Ohio infantryman was caught in a Boche mortar barrage on the Italian front, and instinctively dived for the nearest foxhole. As he did, a German soldier rose from the shelter, threw his hands in the air and surrendered, under persuasion from the poised automatic rifle of the catapulting American.

When enemy fire lifted, Fedor returned to his company command post with the prisoner. "The German was glad to surrender, I think," Private Fedor said. "He had a rifle and plenty of grenades, but didn't try to use them."

somewhere on the Burma-Chinese border with roads into Yunnan, which will thus open land communication with China. The China border is less than 200 air-miles away from the advanced section of the road, and the old Burma road is less than 300 miles distant.

West of the Hukawng Valley, while handling truck convoys, the road is still building. By day and by night at night the engineers continue the work of straightening, widening, bridging and resurfacing it.

Amazing Progress

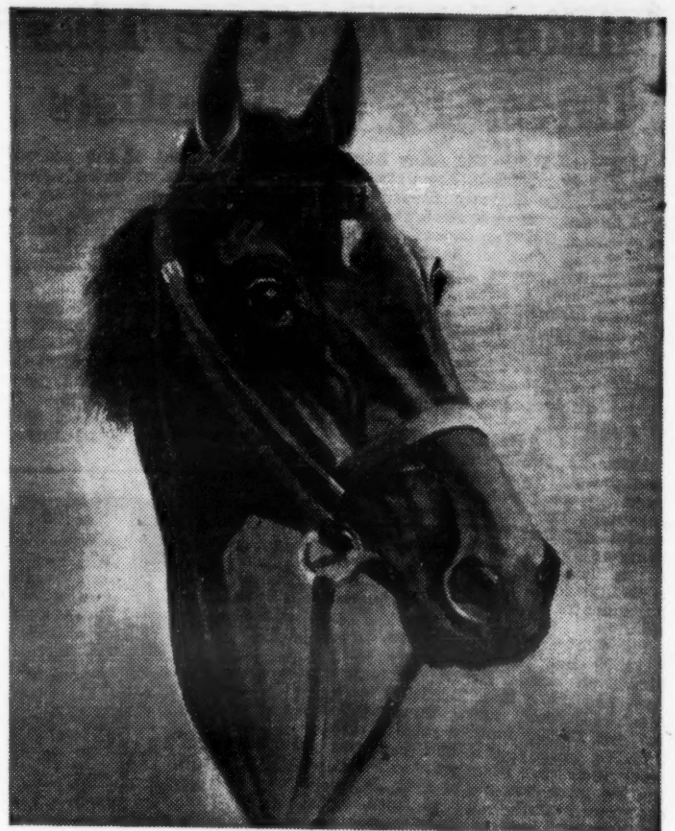
Three months ago the road was only half its present length. Under command of Col. Louis Pick, chief of construction and supply services in Northeast Assam, which adjoins the Burma area, a big drive was put on and a passable highway cut through to the Hukawng Valley by Christmas. Bulldozers were worked in to different spots ahead of construction and, supplied by droppings from planes, began working from two directions.

The road is of two-way width for most of its length. But in some places where it is hacked out of the side of 4,000-foot mountains it is scarcely more than a jeep track.

Naval Officers Study FA Technique at Sill

FORT SILL, Okla.—Twenty-two junior naval officers began a 10-day course in the Field Artillery School recently to qualify themselves as naval forward observers to adjust the fire of naval units during invasions.

For the purpose of training, a road on the Field Artillery School firing range is designated as a shoreline and a battalion of field artillery allotted to represent a naval unit. The naval forward observers then advance with the simulated invasion forces, adjusting the naval artillery fire upon the simulated enemy.



WHEN T/4 Patricia Arthur of the WAC detachment at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., entered the Army, she had to leave her ribbon-winning horse, "Mohawk," at home. But she was able to bring along her memories of victories in many Eastern horse shows. When Sergeant Arthur can't ride horses, she draws them. Above is a head of the bay gelding, "Mohawk," who has won more than 20 blue ribbons in one year.

Gen. Eisenhower Is Given High Russian Decoration

LONDON—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Commander in Chief, has been honored with Russia's highest military award, the Order of Suvorov First Class. The award, created within the past year, is named for the Russian general Suvorov, who led the Russians into Berlin in 1760 and never lost a battle. It has been presented previously only to a few Russian commanders, including Marshal Josef Stalin. General Eisenhower is the first foreign general on whom it has been conferred.

Outstanding Successes

The citation of the award to General Eisenhower noted: "For outstanding successes in direction of troops and carrying out of a wide plan of invasion and battle operations of the American-British armed forces in North Africa and Italy against Hitlerite Germany."

Russian decorations were also awarded to 24 other American Army officers and enlisted men and to 10 American merchant seamen.

Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. Strategic Air Force, was awarded the Order of Suvorov Second class.

General Eaker Honored
The Order of Kutuzov Second Class

GIs Study British Farming Methods

WASHINGTON—American service men on furlough in Great Britain may study British farming methods on farms in Southeastern England under a plan which went into effect Feb. 21, under direction of the Education Branch of the Special Service Section, and in cooperation with the British Council and the Devon War Agricultural Executive Committee.

Courses are being given under which participants are transported to British farms daily. Study of methods is supplemented by talks and discussions on the subjects of soil conservation, farm machinery, reclamation of land, sheep raising, reseedling and the care of small dairy herds.

College or university graduates in agriculture, and personnel having equivalent training or experience are eligible to enroll in the courses. They must be on leave or furlough. Arrangements are made in advance with the Chief of Special Service Section, Services of Supply, United States Army. A "tuition" fee of about \$2.50 will be charged.

K-9 Legion?

WASHINGTON—A \$5,000,000 fund to train seeing-eye dogs for blind war veterans was proposed by Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania. The bill would authorize the Veterans Administration to provide a dog guide for any veteran entitled to compensation for loss of sight.

was awarded to Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Allied air commander in the Mediterranean, and the Order of Suvorov Third Class was presented to Maj. Gen. Frederick Anderson, former head of the United States Eighth Air Force bomber command and now deputy commander in charge of operations of the United States strategic bombing force.

The order of Kutuzov First Class was awarded to Rear Admirals Robert C. Giffen and Harry Hill. Admiral Hill commanded the amphibious forces invading Eniwetok in the Marshalls Islands.

Vice Admiral Henry K. Hewitt received the Order of Kutuzov, First Class, and the veteran airman, Col. Arthur Salisbury of Sedalia, Mo., was awarded the Order of Red Star.

Rare Occurrence Not So Rare

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — Last week it was noticed that two pairs of GIs in the Infantry Replacement Training Center had identical last-name initials and identical last-four-numbers-of-serial-number, giving them identical laundry marks—which, according to Army Service Forces Quartermaster happens once in 100,000 times. Then the following discoveries were made:

Four more pairs of soldiers in Camp Blanding's IRTC suffer the same sameness—much to the despair of the laundry workers who identify GI garments by the above-mentioned method.

Their names and serial numbers: Center Headquarters Co.: Pvt. Paul B. Yedruzek, 33146486—William C. Young, 36586486; Pvt. Augustus J. Deak, 31192941—T/5 Donald N. Davian, 12012941; Co. E, 221st Battalion: Cpl. Helgi Bjornson, 37324550—Pvt. Wilton Bertling, 33734550; Co. E, 198th Battalion: Pvt. James J. McMahon, 37581699—Pvt. Robert A. Matulovich, 35921699.

General On MP Duty

IN ITALY—A brigadier general who, as a child, apparently wanted to be a policeman, is fulfilling his early longings, by relieving Fifth Army MPs in Italy.

Pvt. Joe McNary, Philadelphia, was directing traffic at a by-pass when the general's jeep rolled up. "Been here long?" the general asked.

McNary said not too long. "Getting a bit tired, though, aren't you?"

McNary said not too tired. "Tell you what," the persistant general said. "You take a ten-minute break under the tree over there. Take 15 or 20 minutes and have a few smokes. I'll direct traffic."

McNary did. The general must remain anonymous for security reasons.—Stars and Stripes.

Million Men Owe Their Fitness to GI Dentists

WASHINGTON—The Army Dental Corps has rendered approximately 3,000,000 men dentally fit for general military service since the start of the war, the War Department disclosed this week in making public a progress report of the Dental Corps.

These 1,000,000 men, accepted into the Army under lowered dental requirements, became a responsibility of the Dental Corps, which was called up to correct defects, cure dental diseases and provide necessary dentures.

Cut Rejections

Prior to the declaration of war and shortly thereafter, the Nation's most serious problem in respect to rejections for military service was dental deficiencies. Since the lowering of dental requirements in October, 1942, only about one man in a thousand has failed to meet minimum dental requirements for induction.

Since Pearl Harbor, more than 1,075,000 new dentures have been furnished, and Army personnel have had more than 31,142,000 teeth filled. Further, more than 56,000 bridges, 220,000 denture repairs, and 3,235,000 prophylactic and pyorrhea treatments have been provided. During the latter months of 1943, 30 per cent more teeth were replaced by dentures and bridges than were extracted by the Dental Corps.

On the basis of past experience, it is estimated that there will be a minimum of 60 extractions for each 100 men inducted, and about 15 new dentures. The average man will require five or six fillings, in addition to various other dental services. Approximately 3.5 per cent of newly inducted personnel wear one or more dentures.

Since the outbreak of the war, the Dental Corps report reveals, Army dentists have had more than 15,935,000 dental cases involving no less than 45,618,000 sittings. For the past few months, daily appointments for dental treatment have averaged more than 94,000.

Figures to date disclose only 70,400 cases of cellulitis and approximately 1,520 of osteomyelitis, the result of dental infection.

The incidence of Stomatitis Vincent's was 3.64 per 1,000 men during January, 1942, and about 3.9 per 1,000 at the end of 1943. The overseas rate has been consistently lower than in continental United States, with the exception of one theater. That the over-all incidence has been retained at a low level only slightly

higher than that of the peace-time Army is attributed to an extensive oral hygiene program and an excellent nutritional regimen. Figures show that the greatest incidence is among troops in areas where they are in frequent contact with civilian populations.

The net result of the Army's preventive and corrective dental program is that men hitherto dentally deficient have been rehabilitated for military service, and that a large percentage of them will return from war in improved physical condition as the direct result of improvements in dental health.



BLESSING DOGTAGS at the Reception Center Chapel, Fort Dix, N. J., is Chaplain Charles T. Rodemeyer. The chaplain, who does this every Sunday, believes he is the only Army chaplain who blesses dogtags.

'Secret' and Unused Weapons Shown to High-Up Officers

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—A travelling laboratory of new American weapons, many of them still secret, and others not yet in use on the Italian front, was exhibited to a large group of United States and British high officers at a makeshift proving ground here recently.

Various arms, including guns, howitzers, rocket projectiles, and anti-tank guns were shown to the audience, in some cases against definite targets such as captured German tanks.

Other technical equipment such as new models of gas masks, mines, binoculars, and sighting devices were also shown.

General Marshall's Ideas

The idea for the display is said to have originated with Chief of Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, and organized by a colonel of the ordnance research center at the Aberdeen Proving ground. It will not only give line officers an opportunity to make suggestions for new types of weapons directly to high representatives of Ordnance, but will also allow them to place orders for arms on display which appear to be required by their units in the present situation.

Mimeographed slips were filled in by divisional commanders with their orders. These are being handed in at Army headquarters for coordination and will then be transferred to Washington and filled in a few weeks.

Crystallizing Ideas

The colonel who brought the arms on exhibition from America explained:

"We are trying now to get closer to the troops and thus help them to determine their requirements. We can help them crystallize their ideas by showing what we have.

"Members of our group have been in all theatres except China, gathering ideas and specific needs for varying circumstances. Right here we are getting commissions for making the stuff, and we will fly it over and throw it around.

"Our idea is to try and take ideas and get new impressions activated in the shortest possible time. We get these to General Marshall's office just as fast as we can. We are try-

Officer Joined The Army and Saw the World

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—The bright "Join the Navy and See the World" poster on the Demarest, N. J., post office appealed to Earl G. Saddler, just finishing a year of National Guard duty, so he went in and enlisted, never dreaming that he'd actually make his world tour as an officer of the Army Engineers.

The Navy interrupted his honeymoon to send him to China for 18 months, so when his enlistment ran out, he rejoined the National Guard. His outfit—the 104th Engineers of the 44th Division—was activated in September, 1940, and he went to Ft. Belvoir, Va., to take an Officer Refresher Course.

Hargrove "Backer" Makes Appearance At Film Preview

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Several thousand GIs turned out for the Army's preview of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new motion picture, "See Here, Private Hargrove," Thursday night at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg. The FARTC has a large part both in the best-selling book by the same name and in the film version.

The tradition of Private Hargrove, rookie extraordinary, assumed new proportions as legend rather than fact. Hargrove, now a sergeant in China, wrote his book here while getting his basic training as a field artilleryman. Background shots for the movie were photographed here. And the first paid performance of the film was held in the author's first military "home."

Possibly the most interested spectator of all was Lt. Tom Mulvehill, who was the original of the financially minded Mulvehill of the book. Now in the Air Corps, he also started his Army life in the FARTC. He was introduced to the first night audiences as a special feature.

The premiere's attendance forecast the possibility that audiences reaching a total in five figures will see the film before it leaves Fort Bragg. During its 12-day run it will be shown again in the Center and in all other theaters at the Fort.

The civilian premiere of the film followed Saturday in Hargrove's home town, Charlotte, N. C.

Trapped Soldier Spends Five Days In Italian Pig Pen

WASHINGTON—Five days in an Italian pig pen living on water, grapes, fried eggs, and spaghetti supplied by a kindly Italian farmer was the experience of Pfc. James Mask of Fayetteville, Ga., who was trapped behind German lines shortly after the Salerno landings, the War Department reported this week.

The Georgian soldier was with his 36th Division Infantry battalion in the mountain city of Altaville when a German all-out push forced the American battalion to withdraw.

Private Mask took refuge in the pig pen, from which he had a good view of German activities.

"The Germans had machine guns set up from 65 to 70 yards on either side of the house of my Italian benefactor. I could see them as they relieved outpost guards. They walked within eight feet of me."

From Altaville, the Germans had a good view of the Fifth Army's narrow beachhead below Salerno. Private Mask tried to slip through to American lines several times, but attacks on the enemy-held city forced him to return to his pig pen. Finally after five days, American troops recaptured Altaville and effected his rescue.

Pay \$3000 for Turkey Dinners—in War Bonds

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—In defiance of all price ceilings, full course Turkey dinners with "all the trimmings" are bringing \$2,000 and more at Camp Campbell, Ky. It all started when Capt. Julius Y. Barkan, Commandant of the Bakers and Cooks School, 1565th Service Unit here, bought a \$2,000 war bond in the Fourth War Loan Drive and offered a turkey dinner to any officer in the 1560th Service Unit at Camp Campbell who would equal or surpass his purchase.

Immediately taking up the challenge, Lt. Col. Roscoe L. Murray, Control Officer, and Maj. S. L. Nelson, Post Ordnance, accepted the conditions and upped the price of their dinners to \$3,000 each by purchasing bonds amounting to that sum.

Children Find 'Duds', Prove Live Ammunition

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Two small children, playing on a beach in Apalachicola, Fla., discovered what appeared to be a dud shell. They rolled it home. Their parents found them playing with it in the yard and notified the military police.

Upon the shell's arrival at the Army Service Forces Training Center at Camp Gordon Johnston, Lt. Morrison B. Parker, bomb disposal officer, found it to be a 155 millimeter shrapnel shell, complete with time fuse, unexploded.

Set off in the bomb disposal area, it blasted a hole in the ground six feet deep.

Somervell Says ASF Short 120,000 Men

DALLAS, Tex.—At a three-day Army Service Forces conference here, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, ASF commander, said that the draft boards haven't been meeting their quotas. "But it will be necessary for them to do so from now on."

"My command alone is short 120,000 men," he said.

He Taught Men Who Wake You Up; Wins Award

FORT SILL, Okla.—The War Department has rewarded the man who has taught thousands of soldiers to toot the bugles which have awakened hundreds of thousands of sleepy soldiers during his 39 years in the Army.

Chief Warrant Officer Charles E. Tyler, Field Artillery School band director, has been given the Legion of Merit. At present Tyler is training a class of 140 embryo buglers, who meet each day for an hour of ear-splitting instruction and rehearsal.

Chief difficulty in training a modern American into a bugler who blows according to regulations is to take the jazz out of him, says Mister Tyler. Usually mess call is the first a rookie bugler undertakes. It is not only popular, it requires only three tones.

In World War I, Tyler directed the 28th Infantry band, the first Army band to go overseas and the first to enter Germany after the signing of the Armistice.

Surgical Truck Increases Number Of Operations

WASHINGTON—A new type of surgical operating truck, which enables several Army surgical teams at the front lines to work at the same time with the result that from 80 to 100 men can be operated on during a full 24 hours, was revealed to the public this week by the War Department. Already numerous units have been manufactured and sent overseas.

The idea for the new truck was that of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General.

The truck is six-wheeled and has a two and one-half ton capacity. The teams work in tents like two rooms in the rear of the truck. The tent rooms are double-walled and lined in white duck to give light. Screened windows give added illumination. The inside of the truck, which is approached from the tent rooms by a short stair, is used for storage of supplies, instrument cabinets and scrub sinks.

In the old-type surgical mobile unit, still in use where it meets the need satisfactorily, only one team can work at a time. Operations are performed in the truck. A tent attached to it can be used only for receiving and delivering patients.

Wire-Laying Pet Killed in Action

WASHINGTON—Queenie, a year-old mongrel dog believed to have been the only wire-carrying dog serving with the Fifth Army, has been killed in the performance of duty on the Italian front, the War Department announced this week.

The personal pet of Cpl. Lawrence Jernecke of Scranton, N. D., Queenie served with his 3rd Infantry Division artillery battalion from the opening of the Italian campaign until her death.

When the going was rough and communications needed lengthening, Queenie, with the free end of a reel of telephone wire attached to her collar, would take off through underbrush and culverts that would have been difficult, if not impossible, for a soldier to negotiate. One day near Venafro, the dog—who refused Army C rations and limited her diet to one Vienna sausage a meal—was hit by a piece of enemy shrapnel as she was moving up a hill.

Queenie was buried where she fell.

Loss of Stove Rankles Yank

WASHINGTON—Recuperating at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, a Bronx tank gunner who saw service with the Fifth Army in Italy is nursing a bitter resentment against the Germans.

It wasn't so much that a German 88 mm. shell put his tank out of action and wounded him, together with two others of the crew; that's war. What really rankles, admitted Cpl. Michael F. O'Connor, is that Nazi artillery destroyed the "best portable cook stove in the battalion."

A product of the mechanical ingenuity of Cpl. George Schwingle, Cudahy, Wis., the stove was a collapsible contraption around which the tank crew and other men of the battalion gathered when there was a respite from the fighting. "It was a sort of community center when we were in bivouac," Corporal O'Connor explained.

Enemy Shell Fills Wish for Smoke

WASHINGTON—First Sgt. Marvin J. Heine of Elm Mott, Tex., wasn't having much success in his efforts to "borrow" a cigarette, and he wanted one badly.

He was tired and grimy after a strenuous trip to the front lines in Italy, and the fact that an air raid was under way in the vicinity of his company's bivouac didn't detract in the least from his desire for tobacco.

"I sure wish I had a cigarette," he repeated. "Hasn't anybody got a . . ."

A familiar screaming noise drowned out his words. The burst came so fast he had no chance to move for cover, and so close that he expected to find only a large crater where his company had been moments before.

But, when he opened his eyes, the scene was unchanged—except for five packages of cigarettes lying invitingly almost at his feet. A barracks bag in which they had been stored was the lone casualty from the enemy bomb.

"It's an ill wind . . ." he began, lighting up.

GI's Want Ball Scores Then Home Town Doings

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Guess there's not much point in our telling you, but GI Joe's number one preference in news is the sports page. After that, he's interested in what's going on in his own home town. At least that's what the Army News Service and other Army informational agencies sending news to troops overseas have to say about it.

Under the general direction of Lt. Col. Frank S. Forsberg, of the Army Morale Services Division, and the specific direction of Capt. W. B. Murphy, ANS prepares news items, running to 43,000 words a day, for Army papers of various kinds in the U. S. and 78 Army Installations in 48 foreign countries. It sends out 40 to 50 pictures—mostly leg art—a week and prepares and delivers eight newscasts daily.

Its particular pride and joy is its

2000-word summary of the day's news which it delivers in equal installments at noon and 7 p.m. This summary now carries about 49 per cent war news, 40 per cent American domestic news, and 20 per cent sports news.

In addition to this daily or weekly routine work, Army News Service collects material on special order for some of the larger Army newspapers—such as Stars and Stripes, CBI Roundup, Yank, and Dispatch.

Fortunately for ANS, which would rather keep its fingers out of politics and tries to give impartial attention to Republicans and Democrats alike when it does dabble in political items, GI Joe isn't much interested in this kind of news. However, ANS expects to give comprehensive coverage of the Presidential campaign scheduled for the fall of 1944.

Churchill Makes No Promise of Victory in 1944

WASHINGTON—"One thing that we all agreed on at Teheran . . . is to fall upon and smite the Hun by land, sea and air with all the strength that is in us during the coming spring and winter," said Prime Minister Churchill in a report on the war to the House of Commons.

Though he started his speech with a rebuttal of an overly optimistic attitude toward victory, stating, "I have certainly given no guarantee nor even held out any expectation that the year 1944 will see the end of the European war. . . The Nazi Party and the generals have decided to hang together. . . The strength of the German army is about 300 divisions. . . the fighting quality of the troops is high." Prime Minister Churchill added that "victory may not be so far away—and will certainly not be denied us in the end."

He reported much progress in cracking Fortress Europe and predicted that the United States and Britain "are in the advent of the greatest joint operation between two allies that has ever been planned in history" in the air war over Germany. He cited the effect of the saturation raids over Stuttgart and Leipzig on February 19 and 20 and said that a continuation of this attack must be regarded as the United Nations, chief offensive at the present time.

His comment on events in Italy was, "We must fight the Germans somewhere in this war unless we are to stand still and watch the Russians." While opposing forces are an even match at present, with 18 German divisions putting up a terrific defense of Rome, "We have sufficient forces at our disposal in Africa to nourish the struggle as fast as they can be transported across the Mediterranean." As the Italian spring comes on, predicted Mr. Churchill, "Allied air power will give a real accounting of itself."

Officer Wins DSC For Ferry Work Under Jap Fire

WASHINGTON—First Lt. Henderson E. McPherson of Sharon, Pa., who for 48 hours braved enemy bullets and artillery fire, to ferry badly-needed reinforcements around a flood-swollen river in New Guinea, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

During the advance on Lae last September, units of Australian infantry were held up by the flooded Busu River. On Sept. 13, one battalion, making the crossing by rubber boats and by swimming, had lost part of its weapons and ammunition. They were left in a precarious position facing strong enemy positions about 300 yards from the river.

During the night, the landing craft commanded by Lieutenant McPherson ferried urgently needed equipment to this battalion. He then voluntarily continued to ferry reinforcements around the mouth of the river under fire from machine guns, mortars and 75mm. guns. When the steering gear was damaged by enemy fire, he rigged an emergency tiller and steered from an exposed position in the stern.

Although about 40 trips were necessary, requiring 48 hours, Lieutenant McPherson declined relief. According to the War Department, his efforts were "an important factor in breaking the resistance of the enemy and hastening the capture of Lae."

Major Forest Named Nursing Section Head

WASHINGTON—Maj. Nola Forest, ANC, has been assigned Director, Nursing Section, Military Personnel Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, the War Department announced this week.

Major Forest, whose home is at Lake Wilson, Minn., has been in charge of the nursing service in the California-Arizona Maneuver Area. She succeeds Lt. Col. Ida W. Danielson, ANC Corps, of Walnut Grove, Minn., who has assumed supervision of the nursing service in the European Theatre of Operations.

Rewarded for Rescue Of Soldier in Icy Water

WASHINGTON—The soldier's medal has been awarded to S/Sgt. Joseph C. Sidote of Wappingers Falls, N. Y. and Sgt. Edward Touhey of Brooklyn for heroism in Alaska on Oct. 30, 1943.

While engaged in dock construction with Engineer troops, one of the crew lost consciousness and fell into the rough seas. Sidote and Touhey leaped through a maze of temporary scaffolding and braces into the nearly freezing water and reached the unconscious soldier in time to prevent his drowning.

Joe Brown Entertained In Arctic and Jungles

NEW YORK—A captured flag that flew over Fascist headquarters in Naples and a Chinese officer's dagger, which had been taken from a dead Jap, were among the souvenirs brought home by film comedian Joe E. Brown from his 45,000-mile Camp Show tour of the fighting fronts.

In the short space of three months and a day, traveling under the auspices of USO-Camp Shows, through arrangement with the Hollywood Victory Committee, he covered South America, India, China, Iran and Iraq, Arabia, Egypt, Italy and

Morocco. Together with Harry Barris, who accompanied him, he gave over 200 shows to thousands of fighting men on every lap of his journey. He visited hospitals wherever he went, shaking hands, bringing smiles to the wounded and courage to the disabled.

In Caserta, Italy, he slept in a 2,500-room king's palace built in 1751; and in China he bedded down in a pup tent on the muddy Ledo road. In Italy he did 64 shows. In Iran he played one night before 4,700 soldiers who sat outdoors for two hours in a cold, biting rainstorm to watch his act. In Italy, too, an Italian soldier recognized him from his movies and got up before dawn to scour the countryside and bring back two eggs for Joe E. Brown's breakfast.

On one lap of the trip he flew 300 miles over Japanese lines at night.

At another point, the famous name of Joe E. Brown was billed together with the names of Pvt. Milton Sklansky, Norman Swartzburg and Allen Williams, all from Chicago. The GIs had worked out a burlesque routine of an Andrew Sisters recording and they teamed up with Joe to put on their show. Somewhere in Italy, Pvt. Will Hohn, also from Chicago, played the accordion for Joe's performance. Through it all, Hollywood's Joe E. Brown ad-libbed his way into the hearts of America's frontline defenders.

This is Joe's third overseas trip. On the first, he travelled 12,000 miles to Alaska and the Aleutians. His second journey took him 37,000 miles into the Central, South and Southwest Pacific theaters. In all, he has covered almost 100,000 miles on his three trips.

Queries Answered Re Soldiers Taxes

WASHINGTON—Internal Revenue Bureau officials handed out answers this week to several questions on soldiers' income tax returns.

Servicemen outside the continental United States, whether serving in foreign lands or at sea, are not required to file a return until four months after they return to this country, or three months after the termination of the war, if that occurs first.

Servicemen within the United States must file a return if they had any income and victory taxes withheld in 1943, or paid any tax on 1942 income, to become eligible for a refund, even though the amount of income in 1943 was very small.

Both groups may defer paying any income taxes owed until six months after the war, provided approval is given their requests by the Collector of Internal Revenue.

Members of the merchant marine, inactive reserve forces and Red Cross personnel are not eligible for the military benefits.

It was emphasized by the Internal Revenue Bureau officials that no refunds of taxes paid in excess of liability will be made until after a return for 1943 is filed.

Other than officers, few members of the armed forces will be required to pay any tax for 1943, since service pay up to \$1,500 is not taxable.

STEADILY pushing the Japs northward and westward on the Island of New Guinea, units of the 32nd Infantry Division recently captured the Jap airfield at Saidor, on the north coast. This photo shows an LST, in the landing operations that were part of the attack, disgorging soldiers on the beach. The landing was unopposed. Note watchfulness of men on deck.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Marriage Information Bureaus For Soldiers Planned by AWVS

NEW YORK—Marriage information bureaus for men in the armed forces will be established by the American Women's Voluntary Services at all its units near military camps. It was announced at national AWVS headquarters.

Letters to unit chairmen in all parts of the country, describing the local service and urging them to start similar projects, have been sent by Mrs. Bernard F. Gimbel, national AWVS vice president. Mrs. Rose M. Hitter, who heads the Brooklyn service, told some of the short cuts to furlough weddings arranged by her staff.

Aid 3,500

"Servicemen who come to town to get married frequently don't know

where to go for blood tests or how long the process takes," Mrs. Hitter explained. "They may want a church wedding and not know of any local church. Nor do many couples understand the rules governing minors who want to marry."

More than 3,500 servicemen and their prospective brides have been helped at the Brooklyn bureau, she estimated, with an average of 50 couples a day—or 100 during the holidays—coming to the AWVS for advice.

Mrs. Hitter said she had never realized how many problems face a serviceman who wants to get married until her nephew decided to take the step. From an Army camp he made plans to wed while on furlough at home. He set his wedding date, the church was prepared, guests invited, a supper for 35 arranged. But he did not go for his license till the last minute.

Delayed Wedding

When he arrived at Room 205 of the Municipal Building in Brooklyn on a Saturday morning, there was a long waiting line. And he didn't realize that he would have to go to the Federal Office Building at 90 Church Street for his blood test—so he and his bride-elect had to apologize to the guests and postpone the wedding a few days.

Her nephew's experience led Mrs. Hitter to propose the idea of establishing a marriage information bureau. The AWVS and Frank Nolan, deputy city clerk at the license bureau, approved and the women started their job. Only five days afterward, a soldier from a camp in Virginia wrote them a letter of thanks, saying he had recommended their service to "400 fellows in my outfit from New York."

So many letters are now pouring in from boys who want to know where they can take their wives on inexpensive honeymoons that Mrs. Hitter is corresponding with various chambers of commerce. "Our next step," she said, "will probably be to establish a honeymoon information service."

Chaplains Conduct Services on Trains

WASHINGTON—United States Army chaplains, carrying on the Chaplain Corps' tradition of holding religious services in any surroundings where military personnel may be found, have conducted such services aboard crowded transcontinental railroad trains in the United States in at least three instances, the War Department announced this week.

Chaplain (Maj. Karl A. Tubising, of Lincoln, Neb., was in charge of services in a lounge car, with capacity attendance. Chaplain (1st Lt.) Gerald K. Wyman, of Rumford, Me., and Chaplain (1st Lt.) Elmer R. Enlow, Jr., of Menlo, Ga., held services on a train, one in a coach and one in an observation car, for fixed military and civilian travelers. One worshipper told Chaplain Wyman that he had traveled by train 45 years and never before had had an opportunity to worship enroute.

99th Div. Doubles War Bond Goal

CAMP MAXEY, Tex.—With a week still to go the men of the 99th Division here more than doubled their goal in the War Bond drive.

A \$50,000 quota was set for all of Camp Maxey, but the 99th alone reached \$107,000 and raised its sights to \$150,000. These were bonds bought with cash in addition to the regular monthly allotment taken from service pay.

Stimulating Bond sales were four "Minute Men," soldiers now assigned to the division who made brief talks in mess halls, describing their experiences while serving overseas.

Nazis Better Lie Low, Eisenhower Tells Yanks

LONDON—"If you can fight as well as you are doing in this training, God help the Nazis," Gen. D. Eisenhower, making a whirlwind tour of field units, recently told a group of GIs in England.

Continuing his practice in the Mediterranean theater, General Eisenhower goes out into the field to see all the units under his command. Thus far, he has visited both American and British air installations and infantry formations and expects to check Canadian troops soon.

When he arrives at a post, there are no parades or formal assemblages. COs are specifically asked to continue regular routine, so that General Eisenhower will find "usual" conditions as he inspects kitchens, checks medical records, and looks at equipment and guns.

"I look to you to really know your men and lead by example," he told a group of officers. "You must be counselors and teachers and not expect the best results by arbitrary methods. All orders must have reason. I want every fighting man to know the intentions of his commander."

CIO ISSUES SERVICE PAPER

WASHINGTON—The CIO this week began publication of a servicemen's edition of the CIO News, the union's official paper. The edition is to be distributed monthly through "relatives and friends," the CIO said.



USING the new portable wire recorder which permits broadcasting of front line action, Maj. Frank E. Pellegrin, extreme right, Washington, D. C., interviews some of the officers and enlisted men of the U. S. Army 34th Division. The program was recorded for radio broadcast to commemorate the 334th Division second anniversary overseas. It was the first combat division to leave the United States after declaration of war. Other men in the photo are, left to right: Lt. Col. Walter W. Wendt, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Lt. Col. Ludwig Gitler, Fairfield, Iowa; Sgt. Claude L. Brewer, Council Bluffs, Iowa and Cpl. William Mooty, Atlanta, Ga.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Prices of Material Cut Sharply in Two Years

WASHINGTON—A price reduction of more than 60 per cent by one contractor on 50-caliber machine guns from \$510 to \$200 cash; a drop in light tank prices from \$45,000 to \$22,564 a year later; B-24 bombers at a saving of over \$100,000 apiece, were among examples of price reductions reported this week by Brig. Gen. Albert J. Browning, AUS, Director, Purchases Division, Army Service Forces.

General Browning said that the Army Air Forces has just signed a contract for 4,500 B-24 bombers at a price of \$137,000 apiece. This compares with a price of \$238,000 each for 1,200 B-24 bombers placed with the same firm two years ago and represents a saving on this one contract alone of more than \$450,000,000, under prices paid at that time.

Improvements Made

"If this last purchase had been placed at the contract prices of only one year ago, the total cost would have been \$171,000,000 more than

today. And included in the present \$137,000 price are improvements valued at several dollars per airplane," General Browning pointed out.

General Browning, discussing Army pricing activities at a press and radio conference at The Pentagon here in Washington, revealed that item prices at which the War Department is contracting to buy equipment and supplies, on the average, have declined 20 per cent from the levels of two years ago. Estimated dollar savings during this two-year period as a result of contracts let at prices below the level of January, 1942, were over nine billion dollars, according to General Browning.

There are many reasons for these lowered prices, General Browning says.

"At the outset, our contractors had never made in mass production the weapons of a modern mechanical war. But they learned quickly," he said.

"And, as soon as they really got into production, Army technicians, working with business engineers, went after simplification and savings. The taxpayers gained in the form of reduced prices and better equipment."

Examples Cited

"The price analysts in our buying services and at Headquarters have been increasingly effective as we have developed more and more information as the result of the analysis of costs and prices. Price reduction agreements resulting from renegotiation to recapture excessive profits have contributed some of the decline, but will probably be a decreasing factor from now on."

He cited other specific examples of price reductions secured by the Technical Services from individual contractors. One type of 105 mm. shells went from \$5.97 to \$3.75; a radio transmitter from \$3,194 to \$1,302; Garand rifles from \$116 to \$42; tetanus toxoid from 80 cents a unit to 22 cents; the price paid for a sulfa drug dropped from \$21.25 per thousand tablets to \$11.24.

Mail Men in the Marshalls Set Up Office Under Fire

IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AREA—Neither rain, nor heat, nor the hazards of nearby battle are enough to prevent the soldier mail men from carrying on their valued service.

Reports from one section here tell how three Marines went in under fire in the Marshall Islands attack and in less than 24 hours had set up a post office which despatched 5,000 letters aboard a Navy plane.

Under machine-gun fire and air bombardment, they carried ashore 20,000 V-mail forms, apparatus for sending V-mail, and almost everything else a post office needs, and were doing business even before the island was captured.

Five Win Medals For Sicily Rescue

WASHINGTON—Award of the Soldier's Medal to a Medical Corps officer and four enlisted men of the Medical Department for the heroic rescue of injured persons from a burning ammunition barge in Sicily was announced this week by the War Department.

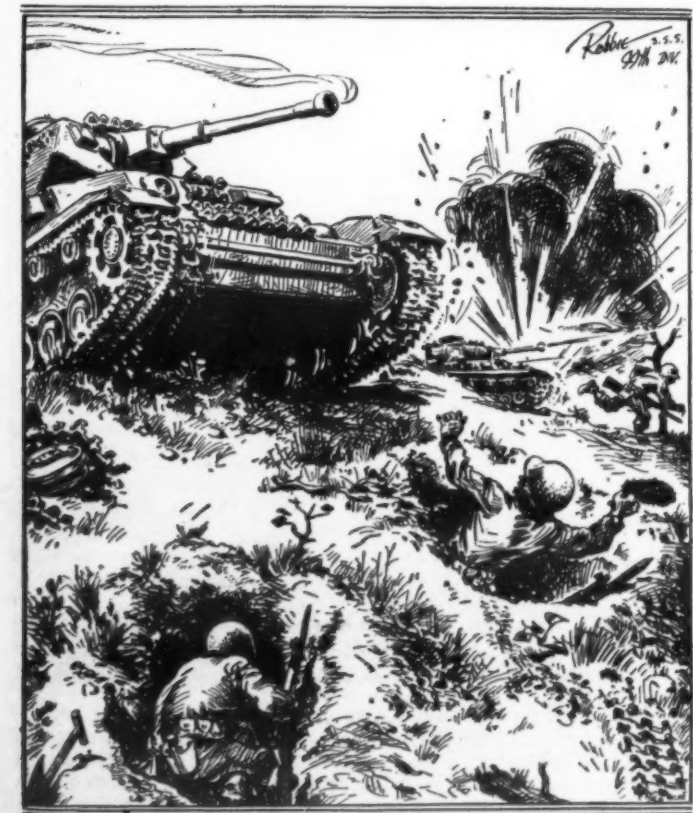
Those decorated were: Capt. Samuel P. Durr, Rock Island, Ill.; Cpl. Rodney M. Preston, Jacksonville, Ill.; Pfc. John A. Dobrinski, New York City; Pfc. Frank J. McGowan, Jr., Brooklyn; Pvt. Hubert Messenger, Kingman, Kans.

All were members of a medical detachment with a Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) battalion at Porto Empedocle, Sicily, when on October 11, 1943, ammunition on a barge and in a truck at the port exploded, and the barge burned fiercely. Responding to a call for emergency medical assistance, the five soldiers rushed to the scene.

"With utter disregard for his own safety," says the citation for each of them, "he climbed aboard the burning ammunition barge, where he found a number of badly injured and maimed civilians. In the midst of exploding ammunition and while faced with the imminent danger of further major explosions he, with the aid of members of his detachment, succeeded in collecting the maimed and injured and in transferring them to the shore for first aid and evacuation. Through his efficient performance of duty and utter disregard of danger and personal risk, many lives were saved."

BOOKLETS prepared by the Safety Division of the Air Force Accident Prevention Service have run into several million copies.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



Courtesy The Checkerboard, Camp Maxey, Tex. Here are some American doughboys beating off a German tank attack somewhere in Italy. There are several tactical errors being committed. See how many you can find before looking in column 5 for the answers.



HOSPITALIZED fighting men in China may have a hard time remembering the battles which necessitated medical attention as they float down a placid stream in a sampan. The trips are arranged by American Red Cross, when the patients are well on the road to recovery.

War Leaders Give Praise To Achievements of Red Army

NEW YORK—High praise for the military achievements of Red Army and predictions that it would share with the United States and British armies in the overthrow of Nazi Germany this year were voiced by prominent officers of the United States, British and Chinese armies at a dinner of the National Council of American-Soviet friendship this week.

Messages From Leaders

Messages from Generals George C. Marshall, Dwight D. Eisenhower and John J. Pershing and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark were read at the dinner, which marked the twenty-sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Red Army. Lt. Gen. Leonard G. Rudenko, one of the heroes of Stalingrad, and now chief of the Soviet Purchasing Mission in this country, attended as his nation's representative.

Maj. Gen. A. H. Gatehouse spoke in behalf of Great Britain and Lt. Col. Chichih Kuo, military attache, appeared on behalf of China.

Like Washington's Continentals Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, Adjutant General, designated by the Secretary of War to represent the United

States, said that the Red Army of 1941 and Washington's Continentals had many things in common, including courage to the last degree, the realization that they were fighting in a noble cause, and the tenacity of purpose that has always marked great armies.

"The Red Army and the Army of the United States since our entry into the war have worked in close cooperation toward the common goal of the United Nations," General Ulio said, "complete and total victory over the Axis aggressors."

How Wives Can Help Fighting Men

NEW YORK—Frederick March, home from a 30,000-mile United Service Organizations' tour of Brazil, Africa, Cairo and Italy, during which he contacted service men continuously, told in an interview over the Columbia network how wives at home could help their husbands on the fighting fronts. March was interviewed by Mrs. Jimmy Doolittle.

"Letters from home are what the men live for," March said. "The men say home is what they're fighting for, and in the meantime they want to hear about it. What their wives have been doing that day. How the baby is getting along. And that old phrase, 'I love you.' They want to hear that, too."

"The men are also keen to see their wives in some form of war work," March says. "It gives a man at the front a big lift if he knows that his wife is backing him up with work that helps the war, in a war plant or in one of the thousands of volunteer jobs. They feel that women are needed in this work and feel a lot better if their wives are busy in some form of it."

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES—American troops have become even more adept at jungle fighting than the Japanese, Maj. Gen. Albert W. Waldron, now assigned to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, declared at a Washington's Birthday dinner of the Benjamin B. French Lodge of Masons held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington this week. General Waldron served overseas in the Southwest Pacific prior to his present assignment.

"It became necessary for us to use the trial and error method for a brief time until we knew the type of warfare we faced," General Waldron said. "Otherwise, our casualties would have been much heavier. We operated in the same way with our scouting and patrolling, our cover and concealment, but beyond that we had to be cautious, more cautious than usual. And the result has been, it is my firm belief, that we are not only able to fight this enemy in his own style, but we are more adept at it than he is."

"It is a long road ahead to Victory," General Waldron stated, "but we are operating in the proper manner. Of that fact we can be sure. We have the best equipment in the world put into the hands of the men we feel are the greatest fighters in the world. Their job is a tough one, but they have the will to do it, the purpose to fight for, the proper way of life to come back to. They are devoting their time, their energy and their plain American guts to do this job, this 24-hour-a-day job,

every day, every week, every month until it is done and thoroughly done."

Personnel at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, purchased a total of \$58,993.73 in War Bonds during the period from January 1, to February 15.

Promotion of three officers at Headquarters was announced this week. Maj. Russell H. Fish, Inf., was promoted from the rank of captain. Capt. Dwight L. Emmel, AGD, and Capt. Hess T. Sears, AGD, were promoted from the rank of first lieutenant.

Four officers reported for duty to Headquarters this week. They are Col. Dana G. McBride, Cav., to the Requirements Section; Lt. Col. Burnell V. Bryant, Inf., to the G-3 Section; Capt. James T. Carroll, Inf., and Chief Warrant Officer Ely J. Kahn, Jr., both unassigned.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND—Brig. Gen. Frank C. McConnell, GSC, Chief of Staff, Antiaircraft Command, and Col. William D. Evans, GSC, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Antiaircraft Command, at Richmond, Va., visited the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center at Camp Huilen, Tex., and the Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center at Camp Wallace, Tex., this week.

REPLACEMENT AND SCHOOL COMMAND—"What the soldier thinks is very important," Col. Thomas W. Herren, commandant of

Order of the Hand Glad that Fewer Men Are Joining

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—The Order of The Hand continued to gain some new members this week but at a noticeably slower pace than when this new GI fraternity was organized first at Fort Jackson last week.

The Order of The Hand was initiated by Col. Duncan G. Richart, Post Commander, exclusively for those soldiers of Post Headquarters who sometimes fall into the unmilitary habit of going around with their hands in their pockets.

The badge of the new military lodge is a large, life-like wooden hand. Colonel Richart launched the Order at Fort Jackson by decorating the first soldier from Post Headquarters seen with his hands in his pockets. Each new member must carry the hand with him, or display it prominently at his desk, until he finds a fellow soldier eligible to receive it.

In this new organization, enlisted men may "decorate" any Post Headquarters officer who proves himself eligible for The Order by being found with his hands in his pockets.

Take to Stage To Demonstrate Attack Technique

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Although 20th Armored Division staff officers are soldiers, not actors, the division's latest attack demonstration is being presented on the stage as part of the division tactical school.

In an innovation in division teaching technique, the division headquarters and both combat command staffs have entered on a brief career before the footlights to demonstrate to company and battalion officers the function and problems of Armored divisions, combat command and tank battalion headquarters in an attack.

Patterned after teaching methods used at the Command and General Staff school, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the 20th Armored Division attack problem play was conceived and prepared by Maj. R. O. Fudge, assistant G-3 officer, and approved by the division reviewing board.

While the stage is substituted for CP tents, the play follows the actions of the three staffs from the receipt of an attack movement order by division to the final preparations to "move out" to battle by a combat command and a tank battalion.

To lend realism to the performances and to introduce company commanders to all staff members, each part is played by the officer holding the position portrayed.

Fourth War Loan Tops Its 14 Billion

WASHINGTON—The Fourth War Loan Drive for \$14,000,000,000 went over the allotment by \$191,000,000 on Saturday, a few hours before the midnight deadline set for the campaign.

While the drive ended officially on February 15 it is announced by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau that all purchases by individuals through February will be announced on March 2.

Picture Puzzle Answers

(See column 1.)
1. The man in the background is doing the worst possible thing in the face of an armored attack. He became panicky and left his foxhole to run.
2. The man in the foreground is doing the proper things in the face of the attack, but he has neglected, for one reason or another, to dig his foxhole deep enough. If the tank awakes in his direction, he'll be crushed.
3. In his excitement, the man preparing to hurl the sticky bomb at the tank has chosen the wrong moment. He should hide in his foxhole until the tank has passed, and then hurl his improvised bomb at the tank's more vulnerable rear, at which time he can't possibly be seen.
4. The two foxholes are much too close together and also on the reverse slope of a hill.
(The tank, incidentally, is a Panzer IV, the commonest of the Nazi armored tanks, corresponding to our Medium tank.)

For Primaries

Vote Instructions Given
Soldiers of 11 States

WASHINGTON—Information to facilitate voting in eleven State primaries during May by Army personnel whose voting residence is in those States, has been made available at all military installations, the War Department announced this week.

Primaries will be held during May by the States of Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, and West Virginia. In eight of the States, the States' absentee ballots will be used. Two States will issue "official war ballots" to soldier applicants. One State will make both types of ballots available.

Cover Small Offices

Both the State absentee ballots and the "official war ballots" cover Federal and State offices, and offices of lesser jurisdiction such as district, county, and local, in all the eleven States except Maryland, where no offices other than Federal will be voted on.

Information issued to date is based on State and Federal laws as they existed at the time the information was issued. Soldiers were advised that Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, and Ohio were holding or may hold legislative sessions which may result in some change in the facts as given.

Commanding officers have been instructed by the War Department to call the primaries to the attention of men from the States concerned in time to give them maximum opportunity to complete all steps necessary for balloting. In addition, postage-free post card applications for ballots are made available, to be used as indicated in special instructions for each State. In lieu of these post cards, soldiers may write application letters, using the text of the card. Applicants for primary ballots must state their party affiliation. In addition to signing the applications, soldiers should print their names legibly and give their Army serial numbers.

Reminded of Regulations

The War Department reminds Army personnel of certain important factors. Under existing laws of these States, a voter must be at least 21 years old at the election date in order to vote (except in North Carolina, where he must be 21 years old on or before Nov. 7, 1944). In certain of these States, voters must take certain steps, in addition to filing application for absentee ballots, in order to be eligible to vote. If a soldier is in doubt as to whether he is a qualified voter under the laws of his State, he should inquire immediately by letter to the Secretary of State of the State of his voting residence, as to whether it is necessary to register, pay taxes, or meet other requirements.

Persons in the military service are forbidden to attempt to influence any soldier in the exercise of his franchise.

A soldier, upon receiving his absentee ballot, should execute it and return it immediately. In making application to vote, a soldier outside the continental United States should have in mind the time interval between the date the State will send him the absentee ballot, and the date by which it must be executed and back in the hands of local election officials.

Special information for the eleven State primaries follows. In each case, the date by which applications should reach the proper official is identical with the earliest date on which the State will start mailing out blank ballots. Except as otherwise noted, ballots must be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by the date of the primary in which they are to be counted.

ALABAMA—Date of first primary, May 2; run-off primary, May 30. Applications for State absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with Alabama law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Montgomery, Alabama, so as to reach Montgomery, in the case of the first primary, on or as soon as possible after May 10. A separate application is necessary for each primary.

CALIFORNIA—Date of primary, May 16. Applications for State absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with California law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Sacramento, California, so as to reach Sacramento on or as soon as possible after April 16. Ballots must be executed by May 16, and must be received by appropriate local election officials by June 1.

FLORIDA—Date of first primary, May 2; run-off primary, May 23. Applications for "unofficial war ballots" may be made by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of

State, Tallahassee, Florida, so as to reach Tallahassee on or as soon as possible after March 18. One application will suffice for both primaries. The State will begin mailing ballots for the run-off primary May 12. If a soldier is not or has not been registered, his votes for Federal offices only will be counted.

INDIANA—Date of primary, May 2. Applications for State absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with Indiana law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Indianapolis, Ind., on which card the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as an application for State absentee ballot. The card should reach Indianapolis on or as soon as possible after April 17.

MARYLAND—Date of primary, May 1. Applications may be made either for "official war ballots" by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Annapolis, Maryland, or for State absentee ballots in accordance with Maryland law. In either case, the application should reach the appropriate official in Maryland on or as soon as possible after May 7. The "official war ballot" must be executed and received by the appropriate local election official by May 1; the State absentee ballot must be executed by May 1 and received by May 8.

NEW JERSEY—Date of primary, May 16. Application may be made for "official war ballots" by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey, so as to reach Trenton on or as soon as possible after April 21.

NORTH CAROLINA—Date of primary, May 27. Application for State absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with North Carolina law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Raleigh, North Carolina, so as to reach Raleigh on or as soon as possible after April 1.

OHIO—Date of primary, May 9. Application may be made for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Ohio law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, so as to reach Columbus on or as soon as possible after April 9. The ballot should be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 5.

OREGON—Date of primary, May 19. Application may be made for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Oregon law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, so as to reach Salem on or as soon as possible after April 9. Ballots must be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 13.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Date of primary, May 2. Application for State absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with South Dakota law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Pierre, South Dakota, so as to reach Pierre on or as soon as possible after April 10. The ballot must be executed not earlier than April 17 and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 2.

WEST VIRGINIA—Date of primary, April 9. Applications for State absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with West Virginia law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Charleston, West Virginia, so as to reach Charleston on or as soon as possible after February 19. Soldiers should write on the post cards that they wish the cards to be treated as requests for State absentee ballots or ballot applications.

Knopf Establishes
Two Fellowships

WASHINGTON—Critics have often complained that no great literature has come out of this war, already longer than World War I, which produced Joyce Kilmer, Rupert Brooke, John McCrea. They can't explain this except by saying that most of America's young writers-to-be have been caught up in grueling Army routine or the long hours required by war industries.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf feeling that "the need is greater than ever for the American public to steep itself in the traditions and customs of the past," is establishing two \$2,500 fellowships to make possible the time-consuming research which makes good history or biography.

Applicants must submit a 10,000-word outline to Knopf by June 1, 1944, together with recommendations, autobiographical sketches and other material requested on the application blank available from Knopf at 501 Madison Avenue, New York 20, N. Y.



FOLLOWING ORDERS is 1st Sgt. Robert Gill, top kick of Headquarters Company of the 300th Infantry, the Infantry School Troops Brigade at Fort Benning, Ga. Gill was told to prepare a well concealed observation post. Above is the result. The sergeant had his men tunnel in from the hillside 30 feet away to a point beneath a rotten stump. The tunnel is small enough for only one man to crawl through but underneath the stump, the dugout is large enough to hold three men. From this harmless looking stump, the observer (beneath arrow) has an unobstructed view of a road fork and a draw several hundred yards in length.

—Infantry School Photo

Movie
Stuff

What with the flu, army camp appearances and holidays, Bob Hope maintains that "Road to Utopia," in which he again teams with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, should be retitled "Detour to the Mayo Clinic."

The cast of Columbia's "Swing Out the Blues" spent all of one day traipsing from one type of eating establishment to another.

After filming scenes in an Italian restaurant, Bob Haymes, Lynn Merrick and others moved into an Hungarian cafe set, thence to a Chinese chop suey house, and finally wound up the day shooting in a typical American beany.

"This," quipped Haymes, "must be what they mean by a Cook's tour."

Servicemen have been vying for honors in the self-imposed contest of thinking up long involved titles to bestow on their favorite pin-up girls. Take a long breath and read the one given Dinah Shore by the South Pacific Marines. It's "The Girl We'd Most Like to Dream Of While in a Coma Resulting from Malaria Contracted on Guadalcanal."

For the first time in a couple of years, there's going to be a thriller-diller courtroom drama on the screen, according to RKO, now planning "One Exciting Night."

For the first few years after the arrival of talkies, courtroom dramas such as "Madame X," "Bought and Paid For" and "Within the Law" held the spotlight. There was a lull of several years and then the screen came back with "The Trial of Mary Dugan," "A Free Soul" and others.

RKO thinks its new entry so good that a whole new cycle of gavel-pounding films will get underway.

Like so many other pictures recently announced, this one carries a dupe title. "One Exciting Night" was originally a feature made in 1922 by D. W. Griffith, with Carol Dempster starred.

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French Soldiers
Train at Meade

FORT MEADE, Md.—French soldiers are being trained at Fort Meade and more are expected shortly.

Known as the French Detachment, they now comprise only a handful of enlisted men commanded by their own officers, two lieutenants who escaped from Nazi prison camps.

The detachment is composed of French nationals from this country, Mexico and South America. Some came from Miquelon Island off the coast of Newfoundland. Most of them understand English and will be drilled in both French and English commands.

They wear American uniforms with different buttons, a tricolor shoulder patch, and different insignia of rank.

British, Yanks Train
Together for Invasion

WASHINGTON—United States Army and Quartermaster units in Great Britain are exchanging personnel with similar British Army units for coordination of training against the day they team together in the assault on Western Europe, the War Department announced this week.

Designed to familiarize each force with the other's methods of supply, the plan was conceived by Brig. Gen. Leroy P. Collins, U. S. Army, commanding the Northern Ireland base section. It provides for American officers and men to spend two-week orientation periods at British installations, and for American installations to play host to British Army personnel for similar periods. The Americans and British live, work and mess together, and engage in the same recreational activities.

Radio
Roundup

Fighting men at Guadalcanal, Naples and other war fronts are victory gardening.

This revelation will serve as the theme when Secretary of Agriculture Claude A. Wickard, Fort Bragg (N.C.) GI's and food authorities launch the 1944 Victory Garden drive over Mutual, Feb. 26 from 1 to 1:30 p.m., EWT.

Soldiers will tell how they contribute to the global transportation problem by planting gardens in far-flung bases. From Hollywood, actor Frank Conroy will pledge support from farming film players.

Bunk Fatigue Programs: (Monday Feb. 28 through Saturday, March 5, inclusive).

NBC: (All times are EWT). Monday, 7:45 p.m., H. V. Kaltenborn, news analyst; 9:30 p.m., Doctor I. Q.; 10:30 p.m., Information Please Tuesday: 6:45 p.m., Bill Stern's Sports News; 8:30 p.m., Date with Judy; 10 p.m., The Pepsodent Show; 11:30 p.m., Johnny Presents. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., Caribbean Nights; 8:30 p.m., Beat the Band, with Hildegarde; 9:30 p.m., Mr. District Attorney; 12 M., Mr. and Mrs. North; 12:30 a.m., Design for Dancing. Thursday: 8 p.m., Maxwell House Coffee Time; 10 p.m., Abbott and Costello; 11:30 p.m., Music of the New World; 12 M., Henry Aldrich. Friday: 8 p.m., Cities Service Concert; 10 p.m., Amos 'n Andy; 11:30 p.m., Mr. Smith Goes to Town. Saturday: 7:30 p.m., Ellery Queen; 8 p.m., Abie's Irish Rose; 10 p.m., Million Dollar Band; 12 M., War news.

CBS: (All times are EWT). Monday: 6:30 p.m., Jeri Sullivan; 7 p.m., I Love a Mystery; 8 p.m., Vox Pop; 10:30 p.m., Broadway Showtime. Tuesday: 6:15 p.m., Edwin C. Hill, the Human Side of the News; 8 p.m., Big Town; 10:45 p.m., Guy Lombardo's Orchestra. Wednesday: 8 p.m., Monty Woolley with Sammy Kaye's orchestra; 9:30 p.m., The Jack Carson Show; 10 p.m., Great Moments in Music; 12:30 a.m., Boyd Raeburn Orchestra. Thursday: 4:45 p.m., The Raymond Scott Show; 7:15 p.m., Harry James Orchestra; 8 p.m., Suspense; 10:30 p.m., Here's to Romance; 12:30 a.m., Sonny Dunham's Orchestra. Friday: 7:15 p.m., Date-line; 9 p.m., Philip Morris Playhouse; 11:15 p.m., Joan Brooks; 12:30 a.m., George Auld Orchestra. Saturday: 11:15 p.m., Joan Brooks; 12:30 a.m., George Auld Orchestra. Sunday: 5 p.m., Corliss Archer; 8 p.m., Blue Ribbon Town; 10:15 p.m., Correction, Please; 12:05 a.m. to 5:30 a.m., Music and News.

Soda Pop for Overseas

WASHINGTON—More than 152 million bottles of carbonated beverages will be shipped overseas by the Army in 1944, it was disclosed this week as a nation-wide campaign was launched to get the public to return bottles for reuse.

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SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Scott Field's Officer All Stars, paced by Lt. Wib Henry, former Illinois star, squared the series at one-all by defeating the 368th Tech. Sch. Sq., 42-38.

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—The 54th Coast Artillery basketball team won the play-off game and assured itself of the championship of the League Basketball Tournament.

MARCH FIELD, Calif.—In an after-dinner speech, Maj. Paul J. Scissler, March Field Athletic Officer, described Cpl. Woody Strode, track and football athlete, as "the greatest end in the United States."

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Company B's "Firewagons" took the 8th Armored Division's 49th Armored Infantry Battalion basketball championship by beating Headquarters Company in a 26-22 thriller.

BAINBRIDGE FIELD, Ga.—Playing before an overflow crowd, the Headquarters and Headquarters five nosed out the Medical Detachment, 21-20, for the first half championship in the league race.

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Chicago's famed Harlem Globe Trotters will meet the Camp Ellis Cardinals, March 7, in a benefit game at Macomb. It was announced by Capt. Don Veller.

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—Sgt. Tony Sparando of the 1879th Military Police recently chalked up his "winningest loss" as a big-time bowler. He dropped a close match to Clarence Leonard, Houston, Tex., at the Houston Post's War Bond bowling show, but Camp Livingston gained credit for the sale of \$50,000 in bonds.

HARDING FIELD, La.—Boasting 15 wins in 17 starts, the Harding Fliers have stored their suits in moth balls for another season. The reason given for stopping—no suitable competition.

CAMP LEE, Va.—The crack QM School basketball five annexed the first-half crown of the Camp Lee Post's Unit League last week and then won their opening pair of second-half tilts to make it 20 straight.

FORT WARREN, Wyo.—Playing fast, heads-up ball, the Broncos used their superior stamina to an advantage in beating Dow Chemical, 51 to 41. Cpl. William Westerfield paced the attack by outscoring Milo Komenich, ex-Wyoming Cowboy cage star. It was the twelfth straight win for the Broncos.

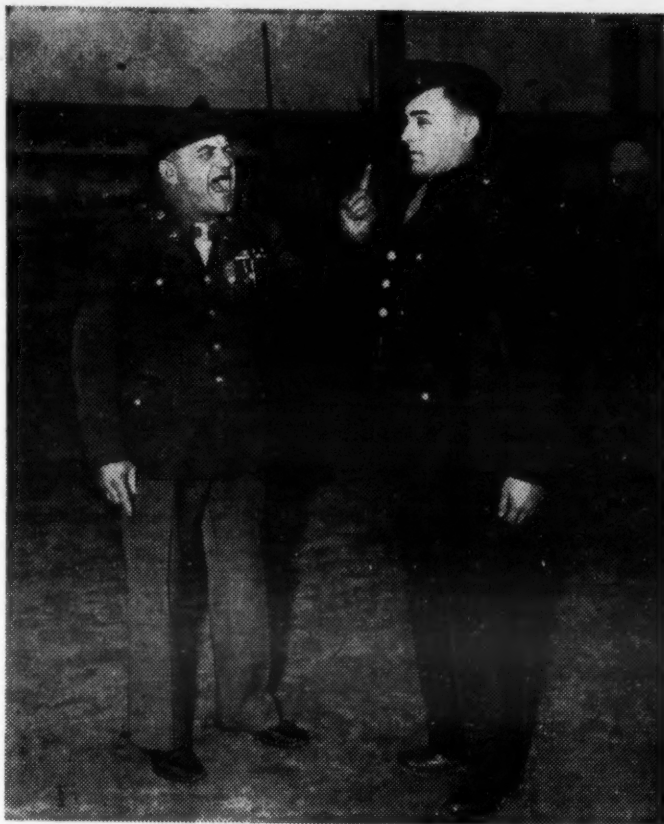
CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Capt. Clark S. Swisher, 20th Armored Division basketball coach, is considering the possibility of holding practice sessions in a hospital ward. The reason for the drastic action is due to three of his regulars being incapacitated.

LINCOLN FIELD, Neb.—Former Globe Trotting Pvt. Reece "The Goose" Tatum has led the Lincoln Field Raiders to ten straight victories. Number ten was won at the expense of Nebraska U's ASTP Company C outfit by a thrilling 47-45 score.

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—If bow and arrows were standard GI equipment, Pfc. John R. Kennedy would feel a bit more confident. Rated sixth among the nation's bowmen in 1940, Kennedy has knocked over some big game with his silent weapon.

Bummy Davis Turns Off Bob's Lights in First

NEW YORK—Physically unfit Al "Bummy" Davis crawled through the ropes in Madison Square Garden on the short end of 1-to-5 odds in his fight with Bob Montgomery. Sixty-three seconds and twelve left jabs later, Montgomery was hurt but not as much as the betting clientele on Cauliflower Row. Montgomery will never believe that the physical discharge Bummy carries around is the real McCoy. Bob alternated between seeing gloves and the canvas before a left put him down for keeps in one minute and three seconds of the first round.



FORMER AEF boxing champ, Sgt. Pop Cady, is doing a bit of chewing on a commissioned officer—and, what's more, is getting away with it. The question of rank in this case was easily solved. "I've got the rank, but Pop's got the priority," said Lt. Earl Cady, Jr., at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Players Needed by Baseball Clark C. Griffith Declares

WASHINGTON — "Baseball needs players. Many experienced players have already been rejected or discharged from the armed forces and others will be before the war is over. Organized baseball would like to contact them in order to give them employment," says Clark C. Griffith, president of the Washington Senators.

ATTENTION Baseball Players

If you were signed to an American or National League contract when you went into the service there is no reason for filling out this form.

But, if you were given your unconditional release when a league folded, were placed on a minor league National Service Defense list, or limited your pre-war baseball to semi-pro we suggest that you fill in the blank and mail it to Army Times. The men on the minor league National Defense Service lists may have a job waiting for them after the war, but, it may be wise for them to fill out this blank as it is hard to tell who will be declared free agents.

There is no need for telling you about the plans organized baseball has for your post-service employment—Clark Griffith tells the story on this page. Army Times is only interested in helping you keep in contact with organized baseball. We might add—we get a big kick out of watching the game.

In the event you have a ball-playing buddy, in or out of the service, you might send him the form. If he has been rejected or discharged from the armed forces there may be a job waiting for him. As the "Old Fox" says—baseball needs players.

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(In the event you are hospitalized for a discharge; or are not in the service for some reason. Please indicate.)

Notre Dame and Great Lakes Share Honors for Upsets

WASHINGTON—Notre Dame and another hop with Ohio State going into the lead by edging Illinois, 54-53. Iowa and Michigan helped the Buckeyes by beating Purdue and Northwestern. Great Lakes, followed by De Paul, still rules the roost in that neighborhood.

The Norfolk Naval five upset the Greensboro BTC No. 10 team. North Carolina and Duke are all set to scramble for the collegiate crown in the South, despite the pounding taken from service fives.

Rice Clinch for Tie

Rice with a 11-1 record is a clinch for a tie in the Southwest. Arkansas must get by Texas Aggies twice in order to gain a split.

In the Southeast Kentucky with a 13-1 record, Tulane with a 14-3 mark and Georgia Tech, 12-3, should provide some fireworks at the annual tournament.

Iowa State still leads in the Big Six. The league races on the Pacific Coast resembles a jig-saw puzzle with hot-and-cold nights scrambling the pennant races.

Gonzaga Fiction Ends

Another winning streak tumbled when Missouri stopped Olathe Naval. The fiction that Gonzaga was tops in the Northwest proved just that as Washington turned in a neat 53-40 win. Bucknell squeezed by Muhlenberg, 39-37, to prove that no basketball game is won until the score is added up in the record book.

Fort Warren's red-hot five got a left-handed pat on the back when Utah was selected to play in the Madison Square Garden Invitational tournament. The QM Broncos have posted a defeat on the Ute's record.

Other teams named to play in the tournament were Kentucky and Oklahoma Aggies. Dartmouth accepted a NCAA bid. The remaining contestants have not been named as yet.

Army Still Leads

Army still leads in the East with an unbeaten 12-game record. Muhlenberg bounced back after its defeat to take Franklin-Marshall, and Penn, after losing to Army, topped Navy. Temple upset St. John's.

The topsy-turvy Big Ten race took

Camp Claiborne Soldiers Bet In Pigeon Derby

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—Soldiers, who used to make a daily visit to the corner cigar store in order to bet a buck or so on a long-shot hay-burner, have found an even better long-shot bet at this post.

When a pigeon flipped its wings and zipped across the finish line at the Signal Pigeon companies, a good bit of GI cash was riding on the bird's beak.

Between 20,000 and 25,000 tickets were sold in the big bond pigeon race. The tickets were divided among the 100 birds flying the 165 mile course. To those holding tickets on the winning bird went \$100 bonds, to second and third place bird bettors went \$50 bonds and to those who finished fourth and fifth went \$25 bonds.

To the other guys holding tickets on 95 other pigeons went the usual "bird."

The birds were released at El Dorado, Ark., with 50 birds each supplied by the 283rd and 280th Signal Pigeon companies.

The first pigeon race was flown on October 3 with only 675 tickets sold on the contestants. When "Robin" flew home a winner there were 675 confirmed pigeon bettors and now thousands more soldiers have the fever.

For poker-playing, crappe-shooting soldiers the pigeon derby looks like a natural. Where else can you get \$100 for \$2? As Capt. Rufus M. Barnes states: "Uncle Sam can use the money and you can use the bond."

As soon as a player knows he is going to be discharged that a card or letter be addressed to Army Times. It will be forwarded to proper officials.

"With over 75 per cent of the baseball players in service, a number of minor leagues have folded," Mr. Griffith states. "Some of those players were given their unconditional release. Organized baseball would like to have those players' records."

"We also need the names and records of all the men on Class AA, A-1, A, B and D League National Defense Service lists. If they have been discharged we would like to get in touch with them. Some may be discharged before the war is over. We would like to arrange for their employment."

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NEW KINKS

Promising New Explosive

A new explosive, said to be much more destructive than TNT, has been discovered by scientists at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. In the early days of the war, Dr. A. S. Ross, chemist, of McGill, began work on a new method of explosive production. After some months of work, two of his assistants developed a new crystalline product they called "RDX," which is different in many respects from any other known explosive, and more powerful than any other known. Communications were established with war chemists in Great Britain and some time ago Dr. Ross flew to Scotland, with samples of the new product in the plane. In England experiments were continued and the properties of RDX tested. It is said to explode with tremendous violence, a small amount ripping steel plates like paper, when the same amount of TNT would not penetrate the surface. Large scale production is said to be under way, and laboratory experiments are still continuing with a view to developing the new product still further.

Wasp Wagons

The Army's new mobile anti-aircraft weapon, the M-16 "Wasp Wagon," which it is believed was used with considerable success in the attacks in the Marshalls, was shown publicly for the first time in America recently. The unit is a cluster of four 50-caliber machine guns, mounted in a revolving turret on a half-track caterpillar which will travel 50 miles an hour. The four guns together are geared to fire up to 2,000 shots per minute. It is expected to be especially effective against low-flying aircraft.

What'll They Do in Summer?

Anticipating bombing raids on the homeland, the Japanese war ministry has been experimenting with various types of construction materials for air raid shelters, and, finally found that packed snow presented features superior to either lumber or bamboo. Tests have been made as to the resistance against bombs, bomb fragments, concussion and changes of air-pressure. As a result, recommendations were made that shelters and lookouts should be made from snow in areas of snowfall.

Germans Want Ideas

DNB, the Axis radio, announces prizes to the German people for inventions to improve German "weapons, ammunition and implements for the armed forces," or "to save labor, raw material and power." The first of the prizes, to be named for Franz Todt, a noted German engineer, was to be paid this month on the date of his death, the second on September 4th, the date of his birth.

Adapting Old Process

Complicated parts for the turbo-superchargers that make high altitude bombing possible are now being made by a modern adaption of a process used for centuries by sculptors. Known as the "lost wax process," it was used by Benvenuto Cellini and other artists, mainly with bronze and other metals of a low melting point. As further developed in the laboratories of the General Electric Company, it has proved particularly suitable for making the buckets of the gas-turbine which drives the superchargers. In the original process, a wax model of the part was carefully made by hand and surrounded by a plaster cast. When this was heated the wax ran out, leaving a plaster mold ready to take molten metal. The new process is operated on the same principle, but uses mold materials suitable for metal, with melting points above 3,000 degrees F. The molten metal is forced into the mold by compressed air or by centrifugal force. Then the molds are broken apart to remove the cast metal part.

This Motor is Fast

A new-type electric motor, specially designed for the grinding and drilling of essential parts of airplanes, operates at 120,000 revolutions per minute, 65 times faster than the conventional motor used in a home refrigerator. Rated at three horsepower, the new motor weighs but seven pounds, while the conventional seven-horsepower motor weighs 105 pounds. The entire motor will fit into the palm of a man's hand. It is water-cooled, using about half a gallon of water per minute, and is equipped with an oil-mist type of bearing. If the wheels of an automobile could be made to turn at the speed of the motor of this motor, the car would move at 10,000 miles per hour, or 100 miles per minute.

You Can 'Do' London On \$4 in Two Days

WASHINGTON — The American officer or enlisted man on 48-hour leave in London can have a good time for as little as a pound—about four dollars—or even less, the War Department disclosed this week.

"Information and Hospitality," the Army's entertainment service directed by the Special Services Division; the American Red Cross; the English Speaking Union, and other British organizations have worked out plans which provide for the service man's tastes whether they are for antiques, old churches, palaces, Hyde Park orators, zoos, museums, or just standing on the corner watching one of the world's most interesting wartime capitals go by. And all this without overspending.

Advice by Special Service

Established in London to relieve some of the pressure on the American Red Cross and hospitable English agencies, which have become so popular with American service men, Special Services' "Information and Hospitality" will do everything for officers and enlisted men from booking theater or dance tickets to finding dates for them. From a file of standing invitations, it arranges for American men to visit English families, not only in London but in other parts of the British Isles, who are eager to have them.

The Red Cross has an elaborate system of entertaining, feeding and bedding down soldiers on leave. Sight-seeing tours and dances are everyday Red Cross events in London. Providing entertainment for soldiers in English homes is another Red Cross function.

If the soldier doesn't like crowds and if he wants something really distinctive, he will do well to call on the English Speaking Union.

"We start where the Red Cross leaves off," one worker there said. "We don't take more than five men on any tour. We interview each man when he comes in, and find out what he wants—what his tastes are, what kind of personality he is. Then we set about seeing that London, or any other part of England where we have members, is made home to him."

Sample Schedule

The following is a sample of the way in which the English Speaking Union entertains an American soldier on 48-hour leave in London:

First day, 10 a.m.—Tour of West End of London, with a British volunteer guide. Buckingham Palace, The Mall, Admiralty Arch, the Horse Guards, Westminster Abbey, House of Parliament, Westminster Bridge, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square.

12:45 p.m.—Either National Gallery Concert with one-shilling (20c) snack luncheon at the National Gallery Canteen or luncheon at the Rainbow Corner Red Cross.

3 p.m.—Visit to Madame Tussaud's wax figures at Baker Street, one shilling and nine pence (35c).

Evening — Free entertainment at one of the American Red Cross clubs or free tickets for the theater for two, and the soldier invites an English girl to go along with him. Or private hospitality in a British home for the evening. If he is interested in art, he can spend the evening at the home of a portrait painter

who will invite one or two young friends to meet the American guest. He can spend the night at any American Red Cross club for one and six pence (30c).

Tour City

Second day, 10 a.m.—Tour of the City of London, starting from Trafalgar Square, the Strand, the Law Courts, Charing Cross and the Temple, St. Paul's Cathedral (climb to the Whispering Gallery and to the roof where a panorama of London can be obtained), wander through the bombed areas to the Guildhall, and Dr. Johnson's House in Gough Square.

Lunch—The Old Cock Tavern in Fleet Street (Newspaper Row), the Cheshire Cheese, or any of the famous old City taverns frequented by Samuel Pepys, Johnson, Dickens.

2 p.m.—Visit the Tower of London, and Tower Bridge. Near the Tower can be seen traces of the old Roman Wall of London. A walk from the Tower up the Thames to Westminster Bridge reveals many historical sights as well as the busy wartime river life.

Evening—Date with English girl, movie, dance, or hospitality in private home.

German Glider Bombs Threat to Shipping

NAPLES—The ban which was ordered against mention of the use of German glider-bombs against the invasion fleet at Salerno and again at Anzio has now been lifted so that details of these weapons can now be disclosed.

The main threat of the new weapon seems to be against shipping. And, unless the threat is met, it appears to be serious.

From eyewitnesses at those invasions it is learned that the bomb is from 20 to 30 feet long, with tail fins acting as a stabilizer and with radio-controlled rudder. It has a wing spread of about 15 feet and looks like a small plane.

The bomb is attached to the under-fuselage of a twin-engine Heinkel bomber. When still some distance from the target the bomb is released from the plane and the pilot drops the flaps of his plane's wings until the bomb shoots ahead into his vision.

Except when the control-plane is in trouble from fighter-attack or ack-ack the bomb appeared to be under excellent control. It can make a sharp turn and swoop in on its target from the side.

Column Of Poets

I Think of You

I think of you each lonely night
When twilight shadows fall,
When the grey ships sail out to sea,
And the bugles call.

I thought of you when I went away
On a lonely yesterday
But now the sunshine all has flown
And skies have changed to grey.

But when the lights shine out again
And heaven smiles above
I'll come back and then, I know,
We'll live in peace and love.

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To a P-38

Oh, Hedy Lamarr is a beautiful gal
And Madeline Carroll is, too;
But you'll find, if you query, a
different theory
Amongst any bomber crew.
For the loveliest thing of which one
could sing
(This side of the Heavenly Gates)
Is no blonde or brunette of the
Hollywood set,
But an escort of P-38s.

Byron, Shelley and Keats ran a dozen
dead heats
Describing the view from the hills,
Of the valleys in May when the
winds gently sway,
An army of bright daffodils.
Take the daffodils, Byron; the wild
flowers, Shelley;
Yours is the myrtle, friend Keats.
Just reserve me those cuties,
American Beauties,
An escort of P-38s.

Sure, we're braver than hell; on the
ground, all is swell—
In the air it's a different story.
We sweat out our track through the
fighters and flak;
We're willing to split up the glory.
Well, they wouldn't reject us, so
Heaven protect us,
And, until all this shooting abates,
Give us courage to fight 'em—and
one other small item—
An escort of P-38s.

Radio Operator-Gunner
on a B-17 in the African
Theater.

AAF Spirit

We'll fight for right
With animal fury.
We'll keep in mind
That God's our jury.

We'll take, we'll give,
We'll die, we'll live,
We'll hammer like hell
With tank and shell.

We'll smile as we kill
With bayonet skill;
We'll smile as we kill
With valiant will.

Sgt. Michael J. O'Leary
377th Bomb Sq.,
309th Bomb Group
Columbia AAB, S. C.



FLAG OF TEXAS flies in the Southwest Pacific. Capt. Edward Wright, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., views his men at the firing line of the rifle range. The unit uses the flag of Texas as its own flag.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Multiple Purpose Quilt Will Give Safety to Combat Fliers

WASHINGTON—A multiple purpose quilt has been developed by the Army Air Forces to contribute to the safety of combat fliers, the War Department announced.

A product of the Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, the quilt will do about everything attributed to the legendary flying carpet except whisk its owner from roof-top to roof-top.

Various Uses

The AAF's "magic" quilt is made of water-repellent material, weighs only 24.5 pounds, and is stuffed with chicken feathers. These not only give warmth, but enough buoyancy so that it can be used as a life preserver. If so used, the quilt is folded lengthwise and tied around the wearer's waist. It will sustain a man in water indefinitely.

Tie-straps along the edges of the quilt permit it to be set up as a pup tent or hammock. It also makes a cozy sleeping bag, and a slit in the center enables the wearer to drape it as a coat or poncho.

Two Colors

The quilt when packed makes a

compact bundle of only 14 to 12 inches square. When opened, it measures 6 by 4 feet. It bears the usual O.D. color on one side, and is a brilliant orange on the other. The familiar olive drab on the one side is to make the quilt inconspicuous when concealment is necessary. The orange hue on the other side is valuable for signalling purposes.

The quilt is packed in a waterproof, non-toxic carrying case made of lightweight material. A strap permits the user to sling the unit over his shoulders and carry it about easily. The case itself can be used for storing water.

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Jap Fox Holes Copied by Yanks

WASHINGTON — U. S. Army troops on Bougainville Island in the South Pacific have borrowed a few tricks from Jap jungle fighters to make foxholes impervious to nearly anything that can be fired from an artillery piece or dropped by a bomber, the War Department disclosed this week.

Our men are building their foxholes beneath the protective roots of large trees. The spreading underground roots aid in keeping the shelter from caving in from the concussion of a bomb or shell burst nearby.

Poisonous insects are eliminated by burning bits of paper in the pit and spraying it thoroughly with an insect-repellent solution. A double layer of sandbags around the opening, with just enough space left for an entrance, completes the shelter.

First Negroes Win Paratrooper Wings

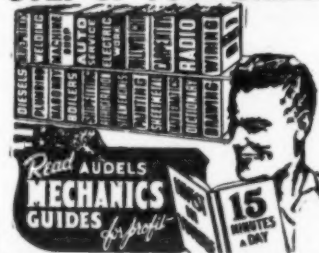
FORT BENNING, Ga.—Sixteen Negro soldiers this week won the coveted "wings" of Army paratroopers at Fort Benning, the first Negroes to qualify for that branch of the service.

The parachutists now will serve at The Parachute School training other colored soldiers during their parachute training. As soon as the first all-colored parachute unit is brought to full strength, the organization is slated to engage in combat training.

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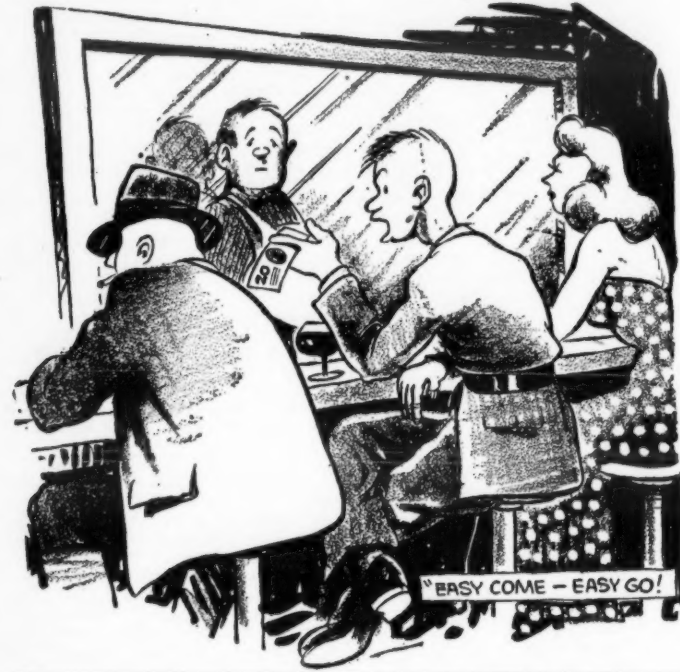
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Pickin' Up Papers

We're always on the lookout for features in camp papers that are one-of-a-kind, original, unique, or isolated and which sometimes are colossal, clever, climactic, corny or cute. Many have been running for some time, and we've been admiring them from afar, but this is the first chance we've had to voice our feelings.

The Camp Ellis, Ill., "News" carries a whole column of "Fireside Council" admonishing GIs on various subject in the words of famous men. Last week "Fireside Council" opined "On Having a Wife," quoted GBS, "The more a man knows, and the farther he travels, the more likely he is to marry a country girl"; reported Ambrose Bierce as saying, "They stood before the altar and supplied the fire themselves in which their fat was fried"; and credited Dorothy Dix with, "the reason that husbands and wives do not understand each other is because they belong to different sexes."

We were sorry that we got in on the end, rather than the beginning, of the Fort Hamilton, N. Y., "Post's" series on postwar job futures. Each week the "Post" has been devoting its center spread to a dozen photographs and a short essay on postwar employment problems by authorities in the field under discussion. The concluding number was "Your Future on the Farm After the War," by farmer-author Louis Bromfield; the first, "Your Future in the Other Americas," by Nelson Rockefeller. Other write-ups were about the chemical industry, aviation, construction, electronics, and general hints for job hunters.

"Mainland Memos" in "The Defender," published somewhere in Hawaii, are something you'll find nowhere else. Dedicated to keeping GIs "posted on the mainland," each memo glorifies a different state. Mostly an enumeration of capitol, principal industries, native animals, etc., "The Defender" doesn't hesitate to say that Arkansas, for instance, "didn't really come into its own until the Chamber of Commerce hired Bob Burns as a press agent and sent him to Hollywood..."

To Laredo, Tex., AAF Flexible Gunners School, one newspaper, eight-column, six-page size, on February 4, 1944. Name: Gunner's Target.

To the 20th Ferrying Group at Memphis, Tenn., Municipal Airport, one lithographed sheet on January 1, 1944. Three-column width, eight-

Try Army?

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Nothing can convince nine-year-old Carl Fromme of this city that he's too young to join the Navy. The arguments of his father, his mother, his grandmother, officials at the House of Detention, even of half a dozen sailors can't convince him.

So far, he's run away to sea four times, going once to Philadelphia so that he wouldn't be recognized.

Right now, for instance, he's probably over at Times Square trying to get any sailor he sees there to help him enlist. He's not a bit discouraged, even though the last time he tried this method the two sailors and marine he followed for several hours, turned him in to the police for "sabotaging" their shore leave.

The Mess Line

English culture to 2nd English culture: "Carion, old boy, carion!"

Latrine is a word
Of phonetical beauty
Until you're assigned
To clean-up duty.

Lady (to porter): Have you a ladies' waiting room?
Porter: No, ma'am. But we've got two rooms for ladies who can't wait.

Little Willie, assigned to KP,
Cut off the cook's thumb dexterously;
Cried the mess sergeant, emitting a whoop:
"For shame! That's too much meat in the soup!"

Cupid makes so many bad shots
because he's aiming at the heart
and looking at the hosiery.

Am I happy? A bundle of joy
arrived at our house yesterday.
Congratulations. Boy or girl?
Neither. Last month's laundry.

Heard about the butcher who
accidentally sat on his meat grinder
and got a little behind in his work?

page length. Name: Perm Party Palaver.

To Fort Jackson, S. C., one four-page tabloid on February 17, 1944. Name: The Journal.

Congratulations from Army Times to all the proud editors, public relations officers, and other sponsors.

Book Notes

"MEN, WOMEN AND DOGS," by James Thurber, Harcourt, Brace & Co., New York. \$3.

It is always difficult to review a picture book; it is even harder to review one which is full of Mr. James Thurber's pictures. As Dorothy Parker says in her introduction, one wonders "if eternity is going to be half long enough to make anything near a reasonable guess" as to what went on in the lives of the characters before they were set down on paper.

If you're a matter-of-fact, straightforward sort of guy, skip "Men, Women and Dogs." It will only baffle you. Each picture has a dozen interpretations: the characters are just plain funny, neurotic, ladies-culture-clubbish, or all three combined. The book is divided into four parts, "Pictures," mostly Thurber cartoons reprinted from the New Yorker; "The Masculine Approach," or courting; "First Aid," self-explanatory; and "The War Between Men and Women," 17 plates showing an army of Thurber males going through maneuvers which finally force the female army to surrender their baseball bat. The dogs are scattered throughout, appealing and wistful as ever.

"THE LITTLE LOCKSMITH," by Katharine Butler Hathaway, Coward McCann, New York. \$2.50.

"The Little Locksmith" should be required reading for every man wounded or disabled in action.

In addition to some of the best exposition that has come from the presses in a long time, "The Little Locksmith" is chiefly notable for the ideas Mrs. Hathaway found during her invalid childhood and crippled maturity. She was faced with one of the hardest things a woman can have to face, physical deformity—she called herself a locksmith because her body resembled that of the little hunchback who came to fix the locks on the doors.

Fairylands of "magic" comforted the child strapped to a stretcher, but when, at 15, she was freed and saw herself for the first time, she had to start in all over again.

She found the secret of transcending her body, though. Her old misinterpretation of the old saying, "Love laughs at locksmiths" was proved wrong when she married Dan Hathaway.

Leave Given Doc To Help Girl

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Capt. Lester Samuels, stationed here with the Medical Corps, fulfilled the trust put in him by President Roosevelt and a 21-year-old New York girl who was suffering from an attack of hiccoughs which lasted nearly two months.

The girl, Anna Mayer, appealed to the President after a request for a brief leave had been denied Captain Samuels to perform an operation on her. A similar operation by the doctor cured a 42-day attack suffered by Mrs. Mayer in 1942.

The President sent the request to Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army surgeon general, saying he hoped that if possible the general would do everything he could to help the girl. Captain Samuels was granted his leave and the operation was successful.

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Army Quiz

1. British and Canadian Soldiers are making wide use of Plats. The weapon most resembling a "plat" in the American Army's equipment is—
A. A can of C rations?
B. A bazooka?
C. A Chicago atomizer?

2. The letters, UNRRA, standing for an organization born of the war, have been much in dispatches recently. Is it—
A. Union Navy Royal Rerigging Association?
B. Uniform Natural Royalty Reorganization Assay?
C. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration?

3. My sergeant says there is a limit to the number of letters my family and I may write to my soldier brother overseas. Is he—
Right? Wrong?

4. The United States warned Finland to get out of the war or take the consequences. Britain is not likely to make a similar pronouncement. Can you tell why?

5. The Technical Training Command and the Flying Training Command of the Air Forces have been combined. The name of the new command is—
A. AAF Training Command?
B. AAF Training and Technical Council?
C. Flying and Technical Command?

6. "Radar" and "Radak" have both been frequently in the news recently. Can you distinguish between them?

7. The proportion of General Officers to officers and enlisted men in the United States Army is—
A. One to 1,893?
B. One to 6,636?
C. One to 11,433?

8. My buddy says EMs assigned to diving get regular extra pay. Is he right?

9. The USMCWR celebrated its first anniversary recently. Is it—
A. United States Military Commission of War Review?
B. U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve?
C. Union Society of Mothers Contributing to War Relief?

10. The Russian Army's drive in Southern Europe is menacing the German-held oil-fields of Rumania. The Germans, however, have another important source of oil. Is it—
A. Norwegian fields?
B. A supply at the borders of the Black Sea?
C. Coal?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 15.)

Army Furloughs 600 To Go to Sea Again

WASHINGTON—Six hundred officers and men who once served in the merchant marine have been furloughed by the Army to return to sea, the War Shipping Administration reported this week.

They were drafted into the Army while working ashore. The Army released them because of the increasing need for seamen.

SOLDIER SHOWS

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."
General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on soldier shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

OVER HERE

Magic Realm of Minstrelsy

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex.—Fort Sam Minstrel Show. GI-mingled gals from town lent pale-faced glamor to this black-face show by doing some fancy singing and stepping from curtain's rise to a knock-down, drag-out finale. Not to be outdone by this bevy of 50 San Antonio belles, plus a chorus of khaki kids (GI's to you) the buck private interloctor, former Broadway showman, kept the show moving at top speed using some of his personal collection of 52,000 jokes (page Mr. Ripley!) for variety. Nothing amateurish about this show. The professional "touch" was apparent with four professional end men, a former college music professor (now just another Private Joe Doakes) and trained chorines who sang "Give My Regards to Broadway" with finesse. It all added up to a commendable performance but one 'most any unit could duplicate after a survey of talent. Believe us, there's plenty of it in this man's Army!

ALTUS FIELD, Okla.—The Hungry Five, corny German band, taking a beating (musically speaking) from a quartette of string players from the post band, furnished comedy plus rhapsodic pleasure for the soldier audience during "The Mad-

cap Minstrel" at the post theater here. An all-soldier show (with the exception of one pretty petticoat-performer) it was a five-star (*****) performance of specialty acts, written, produced and directed by GI's. The Special Services office had the hunch for this "new and different" delve into minstrelsy. Nothing rookie about it!

FORT MYERS, Fla.—"Cookin' Up Pleasures" gave a measure of pleasure to Johnny Doughboy and girls at this base. With a cast of 26 GIs and WACs, the show featured a WAC singer, buck private concert violinist and corporal acrobatic dancer to say nothing of "Snooty," a trained dog who took his share of honors. Food for thought in building your own GI variety show. Start lookin' (for idle talent) and you'll soon be cookin' (up a show) too.

OVER THERE

RECIFE, Brazil—"I'll Take the Army." A professional theatrical man and musician, now an Army non-com, did the complete original score for this counterpart in Brazil to what "This Is the Army" has been to the States. Fourteen GI's of top-notch talent are in the cast. It's now touring all Army and Navy installations in Brazil.

TIPS TO GI'S

Fun from Folios
GI's elsewhere can take a few entertainment tips from the U. S. Army in Recife, Brazil. Down there a buck private in Special Services is doing a slick job of utilizing professional entertainment material which is sent out in folios from Washington to overseas units. A writer himself, this fellow adapts some of the "canned" material to shows originating there. Top professional performers contribute dramatic skits, jokes, etc., for these folios and the BP in Recife says sometimes they use the shows en toto and the fellows get a great kick out of reading them and attempting to imitate—and yes, even surpass—the stars.

The entertainment staff there, in

short order, has produced "quickies"—burlesques and variety shows—in a minimum of time and everything else from short sketches to big musicals. "No dirt" is the by-word "Emphasis on clean shows loses neither laughs nor enthusiasm for us," writes the BP.

COSTUME HINTS

Improvise, Brother!

You're far away from a town, need some costumes for your show? What to do? Do a little improvising, brother. Here's how: Given a suit of sunstans, all you'll need is a pair of scissors, some paper, paste or glue, maybe staples. **Want an Indian costume?** Fringe some orange or tan crepe paper, fasten it down the seams of sunstans trousers; cut a bunch of quills out of cardboard, score down the center, paint the tips black and the "feathers" in high colors, staple the quills to a colored paper headband and there you are! **Cowboy costume:** make hat, belt and cuffs of yellow cardboard, scarf of red, and trouser fringe of yellow or tan crepe paper. **A minstrel:** Sunstans for the base, red cardboard lapels fastened with paper staples, red crepe paper tie, tambourine of a tin pie-plate with beer tops for jingles, burnt cork for make-up. Smart guys like you fellows can use your own ingenuity—the show will go on!

Chinese for Convalescents

MALDEN AAF, Tex.—Courses in Mandarin, the national Chinese dialect, are the latest wrinkle in the convalescent recreation program for patients at the station hospital here. Although there will be an instructor, phonograph records and booklets provided by Army Special Services will form the basis of the course.

Do You Know Any of These?

The LOCATORS have requests for the addresses of the following officers' wives. Send any that you know to Box 537, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Mrs. John Chandler (Bert).
Mrs. Raymond O. Dart (Mary) (Col. MC).
Mrs. Louis F. de Lesdernier (Jane Whitaker) (Maj. Inf.).
Mrs. Bob Erickson (Pearl) (Lt.).
Mrs. Gershenow (Lt. Col. Inf.).
Mrs. Elliott B. Gose, Jr. (Eleanor) (Col. Inf.).
Mrs. Neville Grow (Capt. prisoner).
Mrs. Ben. Hart (Doris) (Maj.).
Mrs. Harry Howard (Virginia) (Lt. Cav.).
Mrs. Geo. A. Jacquemart (Lois) (Capt.).
Mrs. Charles Hudson Jones (Rose E. Clark) (Col. Inf.).
Mrs. John Jones (Helen) (Col. Inf.).
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Quiz Answers

- (See "Army Quiz," page 14.)
- B. The Plat is a one-man tank-buster. While it differs in design and operation from the bazooka, its appearance and purpose is very similar.
 - C. The UNRAA provides relief for people liberated from Axis rule.
 - Wrong. There is no limit, but the War Department asks that V-Mail letters be used whenever possible to save cargo space.
 - Britain has been at war with Finland since December, 1941.
 - A. Radar is a radio detector and range finder. Radak is the Eastern chain of South Sea Islands making up the Marshall group.
 - B.
 - If they are employed in operations at depths of more than 90 feet, Army divers get not less than \$5 and not more than \$30 per month extra pay. If operations are at less than 90 feet, the extra pay is given only if the officer in charge decides that the operation is particularly hazardous.
 - B. The USMCWR is really the name for women marines.
 - C. It is estimated that the German recovers five billion gallons of gasoline and oil per year from coal deposits in the Saar, the Ruhr, and in Alsace-Lorraine.

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WAR

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tation alone counted 500 dead, most of these the result of well-placed artillery fire, in front of their position southeast of Carrioceto. Preparations for a third grand assault are being made, but Allied leaders are confident that it can be dealt with as the others have been.

Strong Air Offensive

Repeated air assaults against German manufacturing plants have been made from British bases during the week. On Sunday "the greatest American air mission in history," involving some 2,000 planes, made attacks on Leipzig, Aschersleben, Bernburg and Halberstadt, with the result, according to Gen. H. H. Arnold, that 25 per cent of the Axis fighter plane production was wiped out.

The Russians have continued their steady push. In the north, they reached Dno, an important railway junction point 50 miles from Pskov, their present objective in that area.

In the South Ukraine 6,000 Nazis were killed and enormous quantities of supplies were taken at Krivoi Rog. The victory here meant the end of German occupation of the Dnieper bend.

BRONZE STAR

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air forces, who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, distinguish themselves by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces and to civilians serving with the Army who are wounded in action against an enemy or as a direct result of an act of an enemy.

The Bronze Star may be awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States by the commanding general of the United States Army Forces in a theater of operations, and by the commanding generals of any of the following, when operating directly under the War Department: An army or air force, a group of armies, a defense command in Alaska or outside the continental United States, and any separate force commanded by a major general or officer of higher grade.

May Delegate Authority

Any of these officers may delegate his authority to any subordinate commander not below the rank of major general. In addition, any of these officers may make immediate combat awards of the Bronze Star to members of the armed forces of foreign nations provided the recipient is below the grade of colonel or equivalent, and provided concurrence is obtained from the senior field commander of the recipient's forces if such commander is of a grade equal to or higher than United States brigadier general.

The design of the medal is now under consideration. Pending availability of the medal, service ribbons for this decoration will be distributed. The ribbon is of Old Glory Red.

AN ARMADA of 3266 ships of all types and of all the Allied nations took part in the North African invasion.

VFW and Legion Confer on GI Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON—The American Legion and VFW have urged that the Omnibus Veterans Bill, "GI Bill of Rights," be amended to earmark \$500,000,000 for veterans' hospitalization after the war.

Paul C. Wolman, chairman of the VFW legislative committee, told a Senate Finance Committee that both the Legion and VFW, which have been holding joint legislative meetings on this bill this week, regard it as being only "partial fulfillment of the obligations which the Nation owes its veterans."

The Legion and VFW, who have advocated similar programs for veterans' rehabilitation, have united forces at a series of meetings held here during the week.

"A tremendous favorable response has been received from the nation on the omnibus bill," F. M. Sullivan, national Legion legislative director, states. "Judging from the polls taken in the Senate and the House, the bill will be passed as soon as it is introduced on the floors of the two Houses."

Hearings have been conducted before the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Veterans' Legislation during the past month and a number of additional hearings are scheduled during the next 10 days.

At one of the hearings Mr. Wolman said that the veterans' groups also favor loans up to 95 per cent of the purchase price to men wishing to buy homes costing not more than \$7500 or farms costing not more than \$12,500.

Unemployment compensation for veterans while they are seeking work should be on a basis of eight weeks' compensation for each month in service, he said, with a top limit of 52 weeks' compensation.

Stewart Enters Fourth Year Training AAA

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The giant home of antiaircraft artillery training entered its fourth year of fully-active antiaircraft work this month with additional thousands of troops now going through their pre-combat paces.

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No more than one Bronze Star Medal may be awarded to any individual, but for each succeeding heroic or meritorious achievement or service justifying such an award, an Oak Leaf Cluster will be given in lieu of the medal. The award of the Bronze Star may be made posthumously to a designated representative of the deceased.

Policy Calls for Just Military Government

WASHINGTON—Military rule in conquered and occupied territories may be enforced for years after the war ends as Uncle Sam doesn't intend to be a softy even though he hopes to keep the restraint of civilian population at a minimum.

These points became clear this week when the Army and Navy jointly made public a recently published manual of Military Government and Civil Affairs, which sets forth basic principles.

Military Necessity Determinant

The manual explains that military government is established in occupied territories out of military necessity and because international law requires that occupying forces maintain some measure of control.

"In any territory, as conditions approach normal, the control exercised by a military government will be relaxed, the supervision of the occupying forces will become less direct, and supreme authority will finally be released to a recognized sovereign power," it is pledged.

But the manual adds that so long as military operations continue, some degree of control will be necessary, and may, in enemy countries, continue until "the ends toward which the operations are directed" have been achieved. This could mean that in Germany, for example, military government would be continued until the Germans had established a government which could not endanger the future peace of the world.

Obedience Required

On the premise that restraint and control of civilian populations should be no greater than military operations require, inhabitants of occupied territories are offered "freedom from all unnecessary or unwarranted interference with their individual liberty and property rights." However, obedience may be demanded when it is essential to the purpose of war, to maintain order, or for proper administration.

Final authority in all cases is vested in the theater commander, but he is to be assisted by a civilian affairs officer.

The general policy governing the attitude of civil affairs officers toward the populations of occupied territories is outlined as follows:

"International law requires and military necessity dictates just and reasonable treatment of the inhabitants of occupied territory to minimize their belligerency and obtain their cooperation.

Justice Aids Us

"While the welfare of the inhabitants should be considered also for humane reasons and should be safeguarded as far as military requirements permit, the primary purposes of just treatment are to facilitate the military operations and to meet obligations imposed by law. Proper treatment will be of direct benefit to the occupying forces in preventing chaos, promoting order, and in the procurement of labor, services, and supplies.

"Such a policy, however, should not affect the imposition of such restrictive or punitive measures as may be necessary to accomplish the objective of military government in any area, but especially in one in which the population is aggressively hostile and engages in active and passive sabotage. It is pointed out that a successful government in one area will make it easier to achieve military and political objective in future operations.

Commanders are told by Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall and Admiral Ernest J. King, Navy commander in chief, in an introduction to the manual that they are "not only permitted but expected to depart from the text in determining minor policy and details of execution 'in order that the plan of military government in any area may suit the people, the country, the time, and be integrated with military operations.'"

Use Local Institutions

Civil affairs officers are urged to confine themselves wherever possible to supervision, and to utilize local manpower and institutions if it is feasible.

Policy concerning local government departments and officials is outlined in part as follows:

1. Offices which are unnecessary or detrimental to military government will be temporarily discontinued.

2. Legislative bodies will usually be suspended, since supreme legislative power is vested in the command officer.

3. Usually it will be necessary to remove high ranking political officials from office. This action will include the removal of nominal and actual heads of the national government, cabinet ministers, and the heads of principal political divisions. No permanent appointment to such positions should be made by the military governor without approval of higher authority because of the

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political implications of such appointments. While membership in unfriendly partisan organization or political parties may not by itself be cause for removal, such officials as have been active leaders of such organizations will ordinarily not be retained in office, nor will other officials who prove to be unreliable or untrustworthy. Willful failure of retained local officials to perform their duties satisfactorily should be regarded as a serious offense against the occupation forces.

Subordinate Retained

4. So far as practicable, subordinate officials and employees of the local government should be retained in their offices and made responsible for the proper discharge of their duties, subject to the direction and supervision of civil affairs personnel.

5. Civil affairs officers and personnel, as representatives of the United

relations with local officials and habitants on a strictly official basis, avoiding unofficial social relationships.

The basic economic policy of United States military government is classed as two-fold: first, to revive economic life and stimulate production in order to reduce to a minimum the needs of the area for United States and allied assistance and to develop the area as a source of supply for further operations; second, to use available goods and services as efficiently as possible for the satisfaction of military and civilian needs.

Army, Navy Cooperate

Closest cooperation between the Army and Navy is provided for. In general, it is expected that the responsibility in continental areas will be with the Army, while the control of civil affairs in island areas and in some ports will be delegated to the Navy.

It is suggested that in certain areas naval civil affairs officers be attached to the staffs of Army commanders, and that in others, particularly those where the Army may be expected to assume subsequent civil affairs control, that Army officers be attached to naval civil affairs units.

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